

Course Outline for: SOC 2108 Social Psychology**A. Course Description:**

1. Number of credits: 3
2. Lecture hours per week: 3
3. Prerequisites: None
4. Corequisites: None
5. MnTC Goals: Goal #5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences
 Goal #7: Human Diversity

This course explores the classical issues of social psychology, including topics such as identity, conformity, obedience, aggression, alienation, communication, and prejudice. The course focuses on how individuals in society respond to and influence each other.

B. Date last reviewed/updated: January 2023**C. Outline of Major Content Areas:**

1. Social Perceptions and Attributions
2. Social Communication and Language
3. Socialization and Development
4. Identities and the Self
5. Attitudes and Attitude Change
6. Norms, Social Order, Conformity, and Roles
7. Relationships and Interpersonal Attraction
8. Altruism and Helping Behavior
9. Aggression and Conflict
10. Groups and Group Behavior
11. Power and Influence
12. Prejudice and Racism
13. Gender roles, Identities and Sexuality
14. Collective Behavior

D. Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Explain the development and changing meanings of minority group identities within United States' history and culture. (Goal 2a, 2c, 5b, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d)
2. Demonstrate familiarity with the methods and types of data that social psychologists use to examine the human condition, including micro, meso, and macro approaches. (Goal 2a, 2b, 5a, 5d)
3. Interpret theoretical perspectives within social psychology. (Goal 2d, 5c, 5d)

4. Develop alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues. (Goal 2d, 5a, 5d)
5. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts, and beliefs about group and individual identities in the U.S. (Goal 2d, 5a, 7c)

E. Methods for Assessing Student Learning:

Assessment methods may include, but are not limited to: exams, quizzes, journals, research papers, oral presentations, written assignments, essays, group work and/or any other assessment measures based on the discretion of the instructor.

F. Special Information:

None