



PSY 257: Social Psychology

This course examines the historical background of Social Psychology and the significance of various historical and current theoretical perspectives. Scientific research methods used in this field will be analyzed, including ethical concerns and legal issues. Topics to be studied in-depth include: social cognition and perception; attribution errors and biases; group processes and group relations; social attitudes and beliefs; stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination; prosocial and helping behaviors; and aggression and conflict. Prerequisite(s): PSY 101. Three lecture hours per week. Gen. Ed. Competencies Met: Ethical Dimensions and Multicultural and Social Perspectives.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Analyze and discuss the significance of historic and contemporary scientific research and methods used in this field, including ethical concerns and legal issues. 2. Describe and critically evaluate classic and recent social psychology experiments. 3. Discuss the enduring themes of social psychology. 4. Demonstrate an understanding of how various key social psychology themes, theories, and concepts apply to everyday living and current world problems.

Credits: 3

Program: Psychology