PSY 250 – SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
CRN 63245 - 3 credits
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm
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WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Windward Community College is committed to excellence in the liberal arts and career development; we support and challenge individuals to develop skills, fulfill their potential, enrich their lives, and become contributing, culturally aware members of our community.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

This course will provide students with an understanding of:
…the relationship of social roles on human behaviors
…and interpersonal relationships, attribution theories, attitudes, group behaviors, and stereotypes affect human behaviors

Activities Required at Scheduled Times Other Than Class Times

One of the requirements for this course is a group project. While there will be SOME time in class for groups to meet, it might be necessary for the groups to meet outside of the allotted classroom time in order to perfect the classroom presentation.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student learning outcomes for the course are:

1. Recognize the study of social psychology as a science.

2. Integrate the basic perspectives, concepts, principles, and general information comprising the field of social psychology.

3. Utilize the various social psychology models and concepts in explaining human behaviors.
COURSE CONTENT

Concepts or Topics
• Attitudes
• Conformity
• Obedience
• Group Influence
• Prejudice and Discrimination
• Aggression
• Attraction

Skills or Competencies
1. What are the components of the topics?
2. What are the causes?
3. What are the continuing influences?

COURSE TASKS

The primary methods of instruction will consist of classroom lecture, class participation, and videos. Therefore, students are expected to attend each class; excessive absences (more than three unexcused absences) may result in the reduction of one full grade. Students are expected to keep up with the readings because they are expected to participate actively in classroom discussions.

ASSESSMENT TASKS AND GRADING

Grades will be earned via the following means:
1 – There will be three exams given during the course and each will be worth 100 points.
2 – There will be a group project in which students will attempt to replicate an experiment covered in the textbook. Teacher approval is needed prior to the start of the project. It is worth 100 points.
3 – There will be a group project in which students will present one chapter from the text to the rest of the class. It is worth 100 points.
4 – Extra points will be given for exceptional participation, based upon the discretion of the teacher. A paper, book review, or class demonstration may be substituted for extra credit.

LEARNING RESOURCES


DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to fully participate in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist Counselor to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. Ann Lemke can be reached at 235-7448, lemke@hawaii.edu, or you may stop by Hale ‘Akoakoa 213 for more information.
SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND EXAMS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. IT IS THE STUDENTS’ RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AWARE OF ANY CHANGES THAT ARE MADE TO THIS SCHEDULE.

August 23-25 Chapter 1: Introducing Social Psychology
August 30/Sept 1 Chapter 2: The Self in a Social World
September 6-8 Chapter 3: Social Beliefs and Judgments
September 13-15 Chapter 4: Behaviors and Attitudes

September 20 EXAM #1
September 22-27 Chapter 5: Genes, Culture, and Gender
Sept 29/October 4 Chapter 6: Conformity and Obedience
October 6-11 Chapter 7: Persuasion
October 13-18 Chapter 8: Group Influence

October 20 EXAM #2
October 25 Chapter 9: Prejudice (chapter presentation)
October 27 Chapter 10: Aggression (chapter presentation)
November 1-3 Chapter 11: Attraction and Intimacy (chapter presentation)
November 8-10 Chapter 12: Helping (chapter presentation)
November 15-17 Chapter 13: Conflict and Peacemaking

November 22 EXAM #3
November 24 NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING
November 29 CLASS PRESENTATIONS

Because your progress will be monitored throughout the semester THERE IS NO FINAL EXAM!

PLEASE NOTE: While this is a time of increased communications through technology, there is a time and a place for such. The classroom is NOT the place for cell phones. Please place them on SILENCE or VIBRATE while you are in the class. Any phone that rings during this class will become the property of Dr. Carlson for the remainder of the semester!