Washtenaw Community College Comprehensive Report

PSY 270 Social Psychology
Effective Term: Fall 2023

Course Cover

College: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Division: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Department: Behavioral Sciences
Discipline: Psychology
Course Number: 270
Org Number: 11220
Full Course Title: Social Psychology
Transcript Title: Social Psychology
Is Consultation with other department(s) required: No
Publish in the Following: College Catalog , Time Schedule , Web Page
Reason for Submission: Reactivation
Change Information:
    Consultation with all departments affected by this course is required.
    Pre-requisite, co-requisite, or enrollment restrictions
    Outcomes/Assessment
Rationale: Reactivating course as online course offering.
Proposed Start Semester: Fall 2023
Course Description: In this course, students will be introduced to the major concepts in the field of social psychology, typically defined as the way in which our thoughts, behaviors, and emotions are influenced by the presence of others. As each major topic within social psychology is reviewed, students will focus on its application to their own lives as well as to political and historical events throughout the world. Students will be able to use this knowledge to understand social relationships at both the local and global level. The title of this course was previously Social Psychology and Global Applications.

Course Credit Hours

Variable hours: No
Credits: 3
Lecture Hours: Instructor: 45 **Student:** 45
Lab: Instructor: 0 **Student:** 0
Clinical: Instructor: 0 **Student:** 0

Total Contact Hours: Instructor: 45 **Student:** 45
Repeatable for Credit: NO
Grading Methods: Letter Grades
Audit
Are lectures, labs, or clinicals offered as separate sections?: NO (same sections)

College-Level Reading and Writing

College-level Reading & Writing

College-Level Math

No Level Required

Requisites

General Education
MACRAO
 MACRAO Social Science
General Education
 EMU GenEd Diverse World
General Education Area 5 - Social and Behavioral Science
 Assoc in Applied Sci - Area 5
 Assoc in Science - Area 5
 Assoc in Arts - Area 5
Michigan Transfer Agreement - MTA
 MTA Social Science

Request Course Transfer
Proposed For:
 Eastern Michigan University
 Ferris State University
 Grand Valley State University
 Jackson Community College
 Michigan State University
 Oakland University
 University of Detroit - Mercy
 University of Michigan
 Wayne State University
 Western Michigan University
 Other :

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Recognize the definition of key concepts and terms in the field of social psychology.
   ### Assessment 1
   Assessment Tool: Outcome-related multiple-choice test questions
   Assessment Date: Fall 2026
   Assessment Cycle: Every Three Years
   Course section(s)/other population: All
   Number students to be assessed: All
   How the assessment will be scored: Answer Key
   Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 70% of the students will score 70% or higher.
   Who will score and analyze the data: Departmental Faculty

2. Apply social psychology principles to students' own lives and their interactions with other people.
   ### Assessment 1
   Assessment Tool: Outcome-related essay exam questions
   Assessment Date: Fall 2026
   Assessment Cycle: Every Three Years
   Course section(s)/other population: All
   Number students to be assessed: All
   How the assessment will be scored: Departmentally-developed rubric
   Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 70% of the students will score 70% or higher.
   Who will score and analyze the data: Departmental Faculty

3. Analyze current or historical political events and describe the social psychological dynamics that underlie such events.

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Number students to be assessed: All

How the assessment will be scored: Departmentally-developed rubric

Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 70% of the students will score 70% or higher.

Who will score and analyze the data: Departmental Faculty

Course Objectives

1. Recognize person-perception principles, which help explain why humans often fail to realize that the negative behaviors of another person can be influenced by their situation rather than by their inherent nature.
2. Apply group influence principles to identify the ways that social environments can sway one's thoughts, feelings and behaviors away from one's individual tendencies.
3. Identify the environmental influences on one's memberships, purchases, and identities based on the principles of persuasion and attitude change.
4. Identify the social forces that contribute to sexism, racism, and other prejudicial and discriminatory concepts.
5. Apply the principles of interpersonal relationships to identify how social environments affect the likelihood of someone exhibiting aggression, empathy, altruism and attraction.
6. Describe social psychological principles contributing to a significant past decision (e.g. choice of college, career, relationship).
7. Describe social psychological principles that contributed to a meaningful argument with a family member or friend.
8. Develop a strategy based on social psychological principles that can be helpful in one's future employment.
9. Identify the social psychological factors that contributed to a time in your life when altruistic behavior was an option, and describe your reasoning for adopting or not adopting the altruistic behavior.
10. Describe social psychological principles underlying a case of historical racism in the United States.
11. Describe social psychological principles underlying a current case of racism outside the United States.
12. Describe social psychological principles underlying a case of aggression in the news.

New Resources for Course

Course Textbooks/Resources

Textbooks

Manuals

Periodicals

Software

Equipment/Facilities

Level III classroom

Testing Center

Reviewer	Action	Date
Faculty Preparer:		
Maria Ortega	*Faculty Preparer*	*Oct 07, 2022*
Department Chair/Area Director:		

Starr Burke	*Recommend Approval*	*Oct 15, 2022*

Dean:

Scott Britten	*Recommend Approval*	*Oct 25, 2022*

Curriculum Committee Chair:

Randy Van Wagnen	*Recommend Approval*	*Feb 09, 2023*

Assessment Committee Chair:

Shawn Deron	*Recommend Approval*	*Feb 14, 2023*

Vice President for Instruction:

Victor Vega	*Approve*	*Feb 15, 2023*