

Course Title: PSY 375 Social Psychology of Self and Identity

Term: Fall 2022

Instructor: TBA

Course Credit: 3

Mode of Instruction: Online

Course Description:

This course examines advanced selected topics of social psychology. We will cover the theory and research on the structure and functioning of the "self" and its impact on affect, behavior, and cognition. The goals in this course are to provide students with the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills regarding social problems, theories, research, and methods as well as the ability to apply social psychological theories and research methods to their own research programs.

Course Prerequisites:

PSY 227 Introduction To Personality; PSY 290 Research Methods In Psychology

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, the student should be able to:

- A. Gain understanding of the phenomena of self, self-knowledge and self-esteem
- B. Explain how social identities affect our thoughts, feelings, and behavior;
- C. Comprehend the process of developing a research project in the field of social psychology;
- D. Apply the skills necessary for evaluating research, analyzing data and conducting independent research.

Course Material:

1. Roy F. Baumeister, Eli J. Finkel, *Advanced Topics in Social Psychology: The State of the Science*, Oxford University Press USA, 2010.
2. **APA Dictionary of Psychology**, 2nd Edition, 2015.

Evaluation:

- 3 Quizzes [30%]
- Research Project Proposal [15%]
- Mid-term Exam [25%]
- Final Presentation [30%]

Description of the Evaluation tasks:

Assignment/ Essay/...: During the term, students will be required to finish several evaluation tasks within due date. All the tasks are linked with specific course topics/outcomes and will adequately assess students' competence and learning outcomes. Students are encouraged to meet with instructor about these tasks at any point.

Mid-term/ Final Exams/ Quiz/...: There may be periodic quizzes given at the beginning of lecture sessions; the feedback from these quizzes will monitor the progress of the learners and help to set learning priorities. There will be mid-term exam/ final exam for the course. They are the basic criteria for the evaluation of students' learning outcomes and final grade.

Grading Policy:

Students are supposed to finish each online lecture. Prior to each class, students should finish the required readings. During the class time, students are encouraged to make use of all relevant online course resources and communicate with the instructor. Students' grades are accumulated based on the cumulative evaluations.

Students' letter grade will be assigned according to the following scale:

A+ 90-100	A 85-89	A- 80-84
B+ 77-79	B 73-76	B- 70-72
C+ 67-69	C 63-66	C- 60-62
D+ 57-59	D 53-56	D- 50-52
F < 50		

Academic Integrity:

Students must strictly adhere to the university's academic integrity rule; and all essays, exams and any other form of academic assignments must adhere to these rules. Any form of plagiarism, cheating, or misappropriation of materials will be considered a violation of academic integrity and will be punishable by the university.

Withdrawal from the Course(s):

Students will be able to apply for a transfer or withdrawal within 3 days of the starting date of the course. If a withdrawal is applied for within 3 working days, the tuition fee will be fully refunded. After 3 days, the tuition fee will not be refunded. If a withdrawal is applied for in the first two weeks, it will be recorded as W (Withdraw) on the course transcript. After this initial two-week period, the class will be recorded as F (Fail).

Tentative Schedule:

Week 1	
1	Social Psychologists and Thinking about People
2	How We Got Here from There: A Brief History of Social Psychology
3	Social Cognition
4	Social Psychology of Emotion
5	The Self Quiz 1
Week 2	
6	Attitude Structure and Change
7	Social Relations and Behaviors
8	Prosocial Behavior
9	Prejudice, Stereotyping, and Discrimination
10	Social Influence Quiz 2
Week 3	
11	Intimate Relationships and Intergroup Relations
12	Connections to Related Fields
13	Midterm Test

14	Social Neuroscience
15	Evolutionary Social Psychology
Week 4	
16	Cultural Psychology
17	Health Psychology
18	Judgement and Decision Making
19	Personality
20	Design and Conduct a Research Project Quiz 3
Week 5	
21	Data Analysis
22	APA Research Report Writing
23	APA Research Report Writing (Cont.)
24	Research Project Proposal
25	Final Presentation