

## Welcome to Social Psychology!

*“Man is a social animal.”*

*-Benedict Spinoza*

### COURSE INFORMATION

Quarter/Year: Spring 2012

Course title: PSYC 240 Social Psychology

Times: 12:30 pm – 2:40 pm TTh

Prerequisite: PSYC& 100 or SOC& 101 or permission of instructor.

Course ID: 5464 A

Credit hours: 5

Location: L126

### INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Office Hours: MW 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

And by appointment

### REQUIRED MATERIALS

Aronson, E. (2011). *The Social Animal (11th ed.)*. NY: Worth Publ.

### COURSE OVERVIEW, OBJECTIVES, & OUTCOMES

Catalog Course Description: Examines the actions of individuals and groups in a social context. Topics include the influence of social learning on attitudes, perception, and personality, persuasion, conflict, attraction, altruism, and aggression.

This course surveys the field of social psychology: the scientific study of how people think about, influence, and relate to one another. Emphasis is on the interaction of the social environment with intra-psychic processes as determinants of attitudes, perception, personality, and behavior.

#### Course Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify and critique the research methods social psychologists use.
2. Explain how social cognition influences beliefs, perceptions, explanations, and attitudes.
3. Describe psychological and social influences on the following attitudes and behaviors:
  - Conformity and obedience
  - Group influence
  - Prejudice
  - Aggression
  - Attraction
  - Altruism
4. Apply research findings in social psychology to the mental health and court systems.
5. Design simple psychological research projects involving data collection and write-ups.

#### General Education Outcomes

Emphasizing core abilities provides a consistent educational focus that encourages students to develop knowledge, habits and skills for life-long learning. Bellevue College students experience many opportunities across the curriculum to develop and apply college-wide abilities in preparation for their roles in an increasingly diverse, technologically complex, information-driven society. These abilities include Critical Thinking, Creativity, and Problem Solving (2), Writing (2), Group Processes (2), and Ethics (2). Over the course of this class, you will be given the opportunity to practice and hone each of these abilities.

## GRADING POLICIES

There will be a total of 700 possible points in this class. Letter grades are based on percentage of the total number of points earned. The following criteria will be used:

A	93 - 100%	648 - 700 pts	
A-	90 - 92%	627 - 647	7 MC Exams (30 pts ea) = 210 pts (30%)
B+	87 - 89%	606 - 626	2 SA Exams (100 pts ea) = 200 pts (29%)
B	83 - 86%	578 - 605	Clipping File = 100 pts (14%)
B-	80 - 82%	557 - 577	4 RPs (25 pts ea) = 100 pts (14%)
C+	77 - 79%	536 - 556	Attendance = 90 pts (13%)
C	73 - 76%	508 - 535	Total Possible = 700 pts
C-	70 - 72%	487 - 507	
D+	67 - 69%	466 - 486	
D	60 - 66%	418 - 465	
F	59% and below		

For more info on grading policies, visit: <http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/catalog/enroll/grades.asp>

### Exams

**MC Exams** There will be 8 multiple-choice exams throughout the quarter. Each exam will be worth 30 points. Your grade will be calculated on the basis of your best 7 scores. Your lowest test score will be dropped automatically. The exams will cover chapters in the text. You will need a Scantron and a pencil for each exam.

**SA Exams** There will be two short-answer exams throughout the quarter. Each is worth 100 points. Both will cover information from class lecture, class discussions, and videos. A portion of the points will be accumulated throughout the quarter in the form of in-class activities. These points cannot be made up if you miss class; it is in your best interest to attend each class session. With each exam, you can expect to make connections between the lecture material and your life by coming up with real-life examples. Neither of these scores will be dropped.

Exams will not be given late. If you are unable to attend class on a MC exam day, the missed MC exam may be used as your lowest score. Only one missed MC exam score will be dropped. If you know ahead of time that you will be unable to attend class on any exam day, you may make arrangements with me to take an alternative exam early. If you come late to class on an exam day, you will not be given additional time. Make-up exams will be allowed with appropriate documentation. All exams given outside of class must be taken during office hours. See the Class Calendar for tentative exam dates.

### Clipping File

Throughout the quarter, you will create a clipping file by collecting a variety of *current* newspaper, magazine, and comic strip artifacts that illustrate different concepts in social psychology. With each artifact, you will describe in detail the concept at hand and how it relates to your chosen artifact, demonstrating your understanding of the concept. Your file will be worth a total of 100 points. Details and scoring criteria will be posted on the class site on MyBC. See the Class Calendar for the due date. Late files will *not* be accepted.

### Research Projects

Throughout the quarter, you will complete four research projects that culminate in short papers. Each paper will be worth 25 points. Details and scoring criteria will be posted on the class site on MyBC. Late assignments will lose 20% of the total possible points per calendar day late. See the Class Calendar for all due dates.

### Attendance

Attendance will be taken in the form of in-class activities worth, in total, 90 points. If you are not in class, you cannot participate; if you do not participate, you will not receive credit for in-class activities.

### Extra Credit

There will be opportunities to earn extra credit for this course. These opportunities may consist of outside activities (e.g., attending a campus lecture or workshop, viewing a film, etc.) and written papers pertaining to the topics covered in this course.

## COURSE POLICIES

### Attendance

Attendance is not optional. As adult students, you are expected to be able to manage your own time and priorities. If you miss any class session, you are responsible for obtaining any lecture or class notes from fellow students, missed assignments from me, and for staying abreast of any class announcements or changes to the class schedule or policies. Emailing me of your absence is appreciated. *Note: when emailing me, please include your full name and class section; in the email subject line, start with "STUDENT:" so that it does not get lost in the melee of emails.*

### Class Conduct

"Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one's own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Vice President of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Vice President of Student Services."

Student conduct expectations will be in compliance with policies described in the BC student handbook. *Cheating and plagiarism* will not be tolerated. All work that you submit in this course must be the product of your own efforts. In either case, zero points will be allotted. In addition, *cell phone* use in class is not allowed; cell phone ringers/modes are to be turned off prior to entering the classroom. *Laptop/iPad* use will not be allowed in class. For more information and to see the Student Code, Policy 2050, in its entirety, please visit: [http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/2/2050\\_Student\\_Code.asp](http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/2/2050_Student_Code.asp)

### Participation

You are encouraged to participate in discussions of the theoretical issues presented in class. Some theories may appear counter-intuitive and may provoke much reaction, sparking lively discussions. Within these discussions, it is important to remain respectful of your fellow students. Everyone has a point of view. While discussion is encouraged and will be solicited, side comments and off-topic talk will not be tolerated.

### Punctuality

Please be on time for class. Arriving late or leaving early undoubtedly breaks the flow of the class and causes a distraction. If you arrive late, please take a seat close to the door. If you need to leave early, make arrangements with me ahead of time and sit close to the door.

## COLLEGE POLICIES & RESOURCES

### Affirmation of Inclusion

Bellevue College is committed to maintaining an environment in which every member of the campus community feels welcome to participate in the life of the college, free from harassment and discrimination. We value our different backgrounds at Bellevue College, and students, faculty, staff members, and administrators are to treat one another with dignity and respect. As such, our classroom is a **Safe Space** where I welcome your individuality and I will defend your right to be yourself in the spirit of learning and in an environment of mutual respect. For more information, visit the following site:

<http://bellevuecollege.edu/about/goals/inclusion.asp>

### Disability Resource Center (DRC)

The Disability Resource Center serves students with a wide array of learning challenges and disabilities. If you are a student who has a disability or learning challenge for which you have documentation or have seen someone for treatment and if you feel you may need accommodations in order to be successful in college, please contact the DRC as soon as possible. The DRC office is located in B132. Their reception desk can be contacted by calling 425-564-2498 or TTY 425-564-4110. Information is also available on their website at <http://bellevuecollege.edu/drc/>.

### Support Services

In addition to the DRC, BC has a variety of support services available to students, each with the aim of promoting student success (examples include TRiO, LMC, and the CC). I encourage you to spend some time perusing this site:

<http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/resources/services/>

## COLLEGE POLICIES & RESOURCES continued

### **Email**

All students registered for classes at Bellevue College are entitled to a network and e-mail account. In addition, all students are required to use this email account when contacting instructors. Your student network account can be used to access your student e-mail, log in to computers in labs and classrooms, connect to the BC wireless network, and log in to MyBC. To create your account, go to: <https://bellevuecollege.edu/sam>

### **Public Safety**

The Bellevue College Public Safety Department's well-trained and courteous non-commissioned staff provides personal safety, security, crime prevention, preliminary investigations, and other services to the campus community, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Their phone number is 425-564-2400. The Public Safety website is your one-stop resource for campus emergency preparedness information, campus closure announcements, and critical information in the event of an emergency. Public Safety is located in K100 and on the web at: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/publicsafety/>.

### **Official Emergency & Closure Status**

In the event of inclement weather or emergency conditions, please check the BC website (<http://bellevuecollege.edu/status/>) or call 425-401-6680 for a recorded message. You may also listen to local radio stations or watch local television stations (KING, KIRO, KOMO) for school closure announcements. In addition, you may sign up to receive email or text messages about school emergency alerts. Visit <http://bellevuecollege.edu/> for more information.

## Class Calendar

## Social Psychology

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4/02	4/03	4/04	4/05	4/06
4/09	4/10 <b>Q Ch 1 &amp; 9 _____</b> <b>What is Social Psychology?</b> <b>Soc Psych as a Science</b>	4/11	4/12	4/13
4/16	4/17 <b>Q Ch 4 _____</b> <b>Social Cognition</b>	4/18	4/19 <b>RP 1 due _____</b>	4/20
4/23	4/24	4/25	4/26 <i>No Class</i>	4/27
4/30	5/01 <b>Q Ch 5 _____</b> <b>Self-Justification</b> <b>SA Exam 1 _____</b>	5/02	5/03 <b>RP 2 due _____</b>	5/04
5/07	5/08	5/09	5/10 <b>Q Ch 2 _____</b> <b>Conformity</b>	5/11
5/14	5/15 <b>RP 3 Due _____</b>	5/16	5/17 <b>Q Ch 3 _____</b> <b>Mass Communication,</b> <b>Propaganda, &amp; Persuasion</b>	5/18
5/21	5/22	5/23	5/24 <b>Q Ch 7 _____</b> <b>Prejudice</b>	5/25
5/28 <i>No Class</i> <i>Holiday</i>	5/29 <b>RP 4 Due _____</b>	5/30	5/31 <b>Q Ch 6 _____</b> <b>Human Aggression</b>	6/01
6/04	6/05 <b>CF Due _____</b>	6/06	6/07 <b>Q Ch 8 _____</b> <b>Liking, Loving, &amp;</b> <b>Interpersonal Sensitivity</b>	6/08
6/11	6/12 <i>Final Class Session</i>	6/13 <i>Finals Week</i>	6/14 <b>Final Exam</b> <b>11:30 AM – 1:20 PM</b>	6/15 <i>Finals Week</i>

*The schedule and procedures in this course are subject to change; you will be given advance notice of such changes.*

## PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION Spring 2012

### Cheating, Stealing and Plagiarizing\*

Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one's own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Dean of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Dean of Student Services.

### Incomplete

If a student fails to complete all the required work for a course, an instructor may assign the grade of Incomplete ("I"). The student must complete the coursework by the end of the next quarter, or receive the assigned letter grade (usually an "F").

### F Grade

Students who fail a course will receive a letter grade of "F."

### Final Examination Schedule

The Social Science Division will adhere to the final examination schedule as stated in the BC Schedule. Final examinations will be held at the end of each quarter at fixed times. Instructors will not give examinations in advance of the regular schedule. A student who is absent from any examination held at any time during the quarter may forfeit the right to make up the examination. If, for illness or some other circumstance beyond the student's control, the student is unable to be present at any scheduled examination and has contacted the instructor on a timely basis, the student may be permitted to take such examination at a time designated by the instructor.

### Withdrawal From Class

College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the seventh week of the quarter (Registration Office, B125). If a student has not withdrawn by that date, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned for the course.

### Hardship Withdrawal

Instructors may assign the grade of "HW" (hardship withdrawal) at their discretion in the event that a student cannot complete the coursework due to extreme and exceptional circumstances. Students may also contact the Enrollment Services office BEFORE grades are assigned in cases of hardship.

### Students Who Require Disability Accommodations:

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are encouraged to meet with the Disability Resource Centre (DRC) office located in B132 (telephone 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110), to establish their eligibility for accommodation. The DRC office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter. Students who require accommodation in class should review the DRC accommodation letter with each instructor during the first week of the quarter.

Students with mobility challenges who may need assistance in case of an emergency situation or evacuation should register with Disability Resource Centre, and review those needs with the instructor as well.

### Distribution of Grades

Grades will not be posted in the Social Science Division or in faculty offices, and secretaries will not give out grades. Students should access their grades through the BC Web site.

### Return of Papers and Tests

Paper and/or Scantron score sheet returns will be arranged in the following ways ONLY: by mail, if student supplies the instructor with stamped, self-addressed envelope (with appropriate postage); or by the instructor designating a time and place whereby the student may retrieve his/her papers. Unclaimed papers and/or Scantron score sheets must be kept by the instructor for a minimum of sixty (60) instructional days following the end of the quarter.

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*\*If you are accused of cheating, stealing exams and/or plagiarism, there is a Bellevue College Student Discipline and Appeals Procedure (the right to due process) which you may pursue. Contact the office of Division Chair (D110), the Dean of Student Services (B231A) or the Associated Student Body (C212) for information regarding the appeals process.*