

BELLEVUE COLLEGE

Soc/Psyc 240 Social Psychology

Quarter & Year: Spring 2011
Section: Soc 5560/Psyc 5465
Location: Online
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Course Description: This class focuses on understanding our thoughts, feelings, and behaviors are influenced by other people. We will explore topics such as friendship, love and romantic relationship, social influence, aggression, prosocial behavior, prejudice and discrimination.

Readings

Text: Kenrick, Douglas T., Neuberg, Steven L., and Cialdini, Robert B. (2010).
Social Psychology: Goals in Interaction. Allyn & Bacon: Boston.

Class notes will be posted online weekly. Please check the class Blackboard Vista (Bb) site daily for information, messages and update.

Other readings as assigned.

Course Objectives

At the conclusion of the course, it is my hope that students will be able to:

1. have a broad view of the discipline of social psychology;
2. understand the individual, social and cultural context that shape our behavior;
3. use the social psychological insights and framework to understand everyday encounter and to explore solutions to some of the social problems that the society faces today.

General Education Ratings

3 in Critical Thinking, 2 in Reading, 2 in Ethics, 2 in Historical and Intellectual Perspectives, and 3 in Cultural Diversity.

Tests and Grading Policy:

Student's grade is based on:

(1) **Examinations** (5 x 50/Exam = 250 points)

There will be five online examinations. The examinations are not cumulative. They are in the format of multiple choice. Students must take the examinations within the time frames indicated on the syllabus, or as announced during the course of the quarter. The time frames of the tests are 4/15-4/16 (1st Exam), 4/29-4/30 (2nd Exam) and 5/13-5/14 (3rd Exam), 5/27/-5/28 (4th Exam), 6/14-6/15 (5th Exam). Students have seventy-five (75) minutes to finish the test. The test cannot be paused once it has begun.

Make-up examinations will not be granted except under extenuating circumstances as determined by the instructor. The instructor reserves the right to ask for official proof if such situation arises. Students who miss an examination must contact the instructor as soon as possible to discuss the possibility of taking a make-up examination.

(2) **Assignments** (10 x 10 = 100 points)

There will be approximately ten written assignments that worth a total of 100 points. The instructor will post assignments at the Blackboard Vista (Bb) "Assignments" section. Students are expected to turn in the assignments via the "Assignment Dropbox." The nature of the assignments ranges from observation to analytical/application essays of 400 to 500 words in length. The intent of the assignments is to facilitate students reflect, synthesize and apply the materials that they have learned.

(3) **Online Discussion** (100 points): The instructor will post questions on the class Blackboard Vista site which students are expected to respond or participate in discussion. The number of points that students may potentially earn and the deadline for participation will also be posted.

Students are expected to follow proper etiquette when engaging in online discussion. Be respectful and courteous. Do not make demeaning, derogatory, racist, sexist, homophobic, or victim-blaming comments. It is okay to disagree with ideas but do not engage in name calling, personal/character attacks or insults. This instructor reserves the right to delete messages that do not adhere to the above protocol.

Total Possible Points:	Examinations	250
	Assignments	100
	<u>Online Discussion</u>	<u>100</u>
		450

Grading Scale (%) [*] :	≥ 93 = A	60-69 = C
	90-92 = A-	50-59 = C-
	85-89 = B+	45-49 = D+
	80-84 = B	40-44 = D
	75-79 = B-	00-39 = F
	70-74 = C+	

** Based on the percentage of the total possible points earned from examinations assignments and online discussion. Failure to take an examination or turn in an assignment will result in a “zero” for that task.*

A NOTE ABOUT COURSE CONTENT: This course is likely to touch upon various aspects of social behavior which can be provocative. Please be advised that when we explore controversial topics, they will always be framed within an academic context. Keeping in mind that when we find ourselves in a space outside of our comfort zone, it is an opportunity for learning, and you may be confronted with subject matter that is difficult to watch, see, discuss, or listen to. Please note, however, that you will be responsible for any course material you miss if you choose not to participate. If you have any questions or concerns about the content or atmosphere of this class, please feel free to communicate it with me right away.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: If you have a medical situation that might affect your progress in this class, please contact me via email or come to see me during office hours (MW 5:00PM to 5:30PM at C164) or by appointment . If you need course modifications, adaptations, or accommodations because of a disability, I can refer you to our Disability Resource Center (DRC). If you prefer, you may contact them directly by going to B132 or by calling 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110. Information is also available on their website at <http://bellevuecollege.edu/drc/>

OTHER INFORMATION: Please do not hesitate to email me if you have any questions or concerns about the class. Please use the email service in the Bb Vista if you would like to send message to me. I will strive to return your email within 24 hours in weekdays and within 48 hours on weekend (from 3:00PM Friday through Sunday). I am also available to meet with you on campus. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you would like to do so.

Course Outline

Date	Topic	Textbook
Week One (4/4-4/9)	Introduction to Social Psychology	Chapter 1
Week Two (4/10-4/16)	The Person and the Situation	Chapter 2 <i>(First Exam: 4/15-4/16)</i>
Week Three (4/17-4/23)	Social Cognition: Understanding Ourselves and Others	Chapter 3
Week Four (4/24-4/30)	Presenting the Self	Chapter 4 <i>(Second Exam: 4/29-4/30)</i>
Week Five (5/1-5/7)	Attitudes and Persuasion	Chapter 5
Week Six (5/8-5/14)	Social Influence	Chapter 6 <i>(Third Exam: 5/13-5/14)</i>
Week Seven (5/15-5/21)	Affiliation and Friendship	Chapter 7
Week Eight (5/22-5/28)	Love and Romantic Relationships	Chapter 8 <i>(Fourth Exam: 5/27-5/28)</i>
Week Nine (5/29/6/4)	Prosocial Behavior	Chapter 9
Week Ten (6/5-6/11)	Aggression	Chap. 10
Week Eleven (6/12-6/14)	Prejudice, Stereotyping and Discrimination	Chap. 11 <i>(Fifth Exam: 6/14-6/15)</i>

P PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION Spring 2011

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.*