

Welcome to Social Psychology!

“Man is a social animal.”

-Benedict Spinoza

COURSE INFORMATION

Quarter/Year: Winter 2009

Course title: PSYC 240 Social Psychology

Times: 10:30 am – 12:20 am TTh

Prerequisite: PSYC& 100 or SOC& 110 or permission of instructor.

Course ID: 5755 A

Credit hours: 5

Location: B101

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Office Hours: M-Th 9:45 – 10:15 PM

MW 12:30- 1:30 PM

TTh 2:45 - 3:15 PM

MATERIALS

Required Text: Meyers, David, G. (2009). Exploring Social Psychology (5th ed.). NY: McGraw Hill

COURSE OVERVIEW

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 intrapsychic 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 Community 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

There will be a total of 500 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	95 - 100%	4.0	9 Exams (20 pts ea)	= 180 pts (36%)
A-	90 - 94%	3.7	4 Experiments (40 pts ea)	= 160 pts (32%)
B+	86 - 89%	3.3	Project	= 60 pts (12%)
B	83 - 85%	3.0	Clipping File	= 60 pts (12%)
B-	80 - 82%	2.7	Online Activities	= 20 pts (4%)
C+	75 - 79%	2.3	Attendance	= 20 pts (4%)
C	70 - 74%	2.0	Total Possible	= 500 pts
C-	60 - 69%	1.7		
D+	55 - 59	1.3		
D	50 - 54%	1.0		
F	49 and under	0.0		

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

MC Exams

There will 10 multiple-choice exams throughout the quarter. Each exam will be worth 20 points. Your grade will be calculated on the basis of your best 9 scores. The exams will be cover lecture, videos, and activities. Your lowest test score will be dropped automatically. You will need to bring a Scantron and No. 2 pencil to each exam. See the Class Calendar for tentative exam dates.

Experimental Projects

You will conduct four original social psychology experiments involving the collection of data and write-ups of the results. You will be encouraged but not required to work in pairs or groups of three. Each project paper will be worth 40 points each.

Group Project

For this project, you will work in groups of 3 – 4. As a group, you will apply principles of social psychology to a real historical or current event and make a group presentation towards the end of the quarter. The project is worth 40 points.

Clipping File Project

For this file, you will collect a variety of newspaper, magazine, and comic strip clippings that illustrate different concepts in social psychology. With each clipping, you will describe in detail the concept at hand, demonstrating your understanding of the concept. Your file will be worth a total of 60 points.

For each project, you will be provided with detailed criteria in the form of a handout to be provided at a later date. See the Class Calendar for all due dates. Any and all late papers will lose 10% per day late.

Assignments

Each week you will visit the text website (http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0073531871/student_view0/index.html) and complete assigned activities and/or watch short videos. Each Tuesday, you will bring in a copy of your activity results and/or be prepared to talk about the video clip. See the Class Calendar for assigned activities and/or videos. For all assignments, any and all late papers will lose 10% per day late.

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

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.

Class Conduct

Student conduct expectations will be in compliance with policies described in the BCC student handbook. For more information, please visit http://bellevuecollege.edu/stupro/handbook_cd2007/policies/default.html. *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 are to be turned off prior to entering the classroom. *Laptop* use will not be allowed in class.

Punctuality

Please be on time for class. Arriving late or leaving early undoubtedly breaks the flow of the class and causes a distraction. It is important that we utilize our time wisely. 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

Disability Resource Center

If you have medical information to share with me in the event of an emergency, please contact me via email or come to see me during office hours. Emergency preparedness is important!

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/>

Support Services

In addition to the DRC, BCC 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 <http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/students/>. On this web page, you will also learn how to obtain a BCC email address and gain access *MyBCC*. Both will be beneficial in your college career at BCC!

Safe Space

Bellevue Community 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. 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.

Official Emergency & Closure Status

In the event of inclement weather or emergency conditions, please check the BCC website (<http://status.bcc.ctc.edu/>) 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.

The schedule and procedures in this course are subject to change in the event of unusual extenuating circumstances; students will be given advance written notice of such changes.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8	1/9 Activity 1.1 Video 1.1
1/12	1/13 Q Modules 1 & 2	1/14	1/15	1/16 Act. 3.2 Act. 4.2 Video 6.1
1/19 Holiday	1/20 Q Mod. 3, 4, 5, & 6	1/21	1/22 Experiment 1	1/23 Act. 9.2 Act. 9.3
1/26	1/27 Q Mod. 7, 8, & 9	1/28	1/29	1/30 Act. 10.1 Video 13.1
2/2	2/3 Q Mod. 10, 11, 12, & 13	2/4	2/5 Experiment 2	2/6 Act. 14.1 Video 15
2/9	2/10 Q Mod. 14, 15, & 16	2/11	2/12	2/13
2/16 Holiday	2/17 Q Mod. 17, 18, 19, & 20	2/18	2/19 Experiment 3	2/20 Act. 21.1 Act. 23.1
2/23	2/24 Q Mod. 21, 22, & 23	2/25	2/26 Presentations	2/27 Act. 24.2 Video 25.1
3/2	3/3 Q Mod. 24 & 25	3/4	3/5 Presentations	3/6 Act. 26.2 Video 26
3/9	3/10 Q Mod. 26 & 27	3/11	3/12 Experiment 4 Presentations	3/13 Act. 28.1 Act. 29 Act. 31.2
3/16	3/17 Clipping File Last day of class	3/18	3/19 Q 28, 29, 30, & 31 9:30 AM – 11:20 AM	3/20

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION
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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 Community 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 Community 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 BCC 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 Support Services (DSS) office located in B132 (telephone 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110), to establish their eligibility for accommodation. The DSS office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter. Students who require accommodation in class should review the DSS 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 Support Services, 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 BCC 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.

**If you are accused of cheating, stealing exams and/or plagiarism, there is a Bellevue Community College Student Discipline and Appeals Procedure (the right to due process) which you may pursue. Contact the office of Division Chair (A251), the Dean of Student Services (B231A) or the Associated Student Body (C212) for information regarding the appeals process.*