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General Syllabus

PSYC 30103 Social Psychology

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: PSYC 11003 General Psychology or and ENGL 10203 Composition II
or ENGL 14343 Honors Composition
Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Various theories concerning the interrelationships of social structure and the behavior of individuals to include human aggression, prejudice, attraction, persuasion, self-perception, and conformity are examined.

B. Additional Information

This course is required for majors.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Evaluate self as part of a social system.
2. Understand processes involved in attitude development and attitude change.
3. Appraise forces involved with social influence and group dynamics.
4. Analyze and evaluate factors leading to prejudice and discrimination.
5. Evaluate factors influencing aggression and altruism.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate effectively with a variety of audiences in any setting.

Analytical Skills**Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will use critical thinking skills to draw conclusions and solve problems.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Social thinking and social beliefs
- B. Behavior and attitudes
- C. Social influence
- D. Conformity
- E. Persuasion
- F. Group influence