



The University of Suwon

Introduction to Social Psychology E-Learning Spring Semester 2019 Prof. Uzzel Ratilla

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Course Introduction

This course is designed to introduce students to the basic foundations of Social Psychology. We will emphasize on the important theoretical concepts and analyze its relevance on the present social issues in our societies. It will probe into topics like self-concept, self-esteem, group influence, prejudice, aggression, interpersonal attraction, helping behavior and how these concepts are manifested in our day-to-day lives.

Course Objectives

After completing the course, using English, students will be able to:

- Distinguish and infer the different theoretical concepts and its significance to past and present social issues.
- Identify and differentiate the social, environmental and cultural factors that influence the way people see themselves and the way they see others.
- Recognize and discuss the fundamental principles of understanding oneself to be able to co-exist well with others.
- Explicate the important role of scientific research in the discipline.

Course Language

This course is taught completely in Academic English. All lectures, lessons, instructions, homework, and examinations are in English only. If you cannot read, write, and **understand English at an academic level**, do not take this course. Students will need to have a significantly high level of English to read and understand the contents and to complete the course works. "I don't speak English well" will not be an excuse for failure.

Course Competency

Communication Ability; Self-directed Competence; Creative Ability; Global Ability

Course Format:

This class will use an online methodology through Canvas to deliver all lectures, homeworks, videos, films and exams. All lectures and PPTs will be digitally recorded with voice-overs. Assigned readings will be hyperlinked or embedded where possible.

Expectations

All students must;

1. Attend and participate actively in all general online class sessions.
2. Complete all required readings and any related home works and quizzes.
3. Take the scheduled midterm and final examinations.

Note: This is a skills-based course that requires participation and effort during every module session and regular study outside of the online environment.

Homework:

Every week, students must submit:

1. An online journal entry based on the students' reaction/insights to the assigned reading/lecture.
2. An opinion/discussion entry to the discussion forum.

Very Important:

A student's weekly journal entry is considered as his/her attendance. Failure to submit a journal entry is considered "absent" for that particular lecture week.

Exams-online:

Both the midterm and final exams will be offered offline (which will be taken in the classroom). This consists of various test question types based on the materials covered in that half of the semester.

Participation:

Student participation will be assessed based on weekly journal entries, entry to the discussion forum, and quizzes.

Required texts/materials

Social Psychology, David G. Myers
(Textbook is downloadable from Canvas)

Course website

<https://canvas.suwon.ac.kr/>

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Policies:

To complete a course, students must attend at least 75% of classes. That is, if students miss a course **more than four times**, they will fail. This will be determined based on the weekly journal entry submitted. Failure to submit such journal entry means that one (i.e., student) has missed that particular lecture week. Students can also fail the course if they do not attain a passing final grade score. Attending classes and doing the homework and exams in no way guarantees a pass. The quality of homeworks/journal entries and overall class performance are carefully considered in the grading process. Because this class is online- and accessible at any time, no red days are observed. There will be no date changes or exceptions made for vacation days.

*Missed Exam

- a) Missing an exam (midterm or final) is subject to teacher's deliberation based on the nature/reason of the student.
- b) Makeup exams are considered at the discretion of the professor.
- c) Cheating is not tolerated and will result in an automatic **F**.

*Grading

Participation (discussion forum, review quiz, etc.)- 35%
Attendance (Journal Entry)- 25%
Midterm Exam- 20%
Final Exam- 20%

NOTE: The course will be graded on a curve (relative grading).

**Social Psychology E-Learning
Spring Semester 2019- Elective Schedule**

Date	Online Lesson Content
Week 1	Introduction and Course Overview Part 1: What is Psychology?
Week 2	Introduction and Course Overview Part 2: What is Social Psychology?
Week 3	Social Thinking: Self-concept and Self-Esteem
Week 4	Attitudes and Behavior
Week 5	Conformity and Obedience
Week 6	Persuasion
Week 7	Study/Review Week
Week 8	Midterm Examination
Week 9	Group Influence: Groupthink
Week 10	Social Relations: Prejudice (Disliking Others)
Week 11	Social Relations: Aggression (Hurting Others)
Week 12	Attraction and Intimacy: Loving and Liking Others
Week 13	Helping Behavior
Week 14	Study/Review Week
Week 15	Final Examination

Note: The above list is still subject to change.