



The University of Suwon

Introduction to Social Psychology (In-Class) Spring Semester 2021 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

Expectations:

All students must;

- Attend and participate actively in all class sessions.
- Complete all course works and required tasks.
- Make all assigned individual, pair, or group presentations.
- Take the scheduled midterm and final examinations.

Participation:

Student participation will be assessed based on weekly class activities: case analysis, group discussion, and journal entry.

Required texts/materials

Social Psychology, David G. Myers

Course website

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

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Policies:

To complete the course, students must attend at least 75% of classes. If a student misses a class **more than four times**, they will automatically get an "F" (failing grade). 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 passing grade. The quality of course works and overall class performance are carefully considered in the grading process as well.

***Tardiness**

- 3 times late = 1 hour absence.
- If a student is late, it is his/her responsibility to approach the teacher about it.

***Missed Exam**

- a) Missing an exam (midterm or final) is subject to professor'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 (Class exercise, presentations, journal report, etc) - 35%
- Attendance (group activities)- 25%
- Midterm Exam- 20%
- Final Exam- 20%

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

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Spring Semester 2021 Elective Schedule

Week	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	Review: Consolidation of Lessons (midterm)
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	Helping Behavior
Week 13	Attraction and Intimacy: Loving and Liking Others
Week 14	Review: Consolidation of Lessons (final)
Week 15	Final Examination
Week 16	Make-up Week

Note: The above list is still subject to change.