

General Information	Title, code, and number of credits of the course:	PSYC 311, Social psychology, 3KU (6AKTS)		
	Department:	Psychology		
	Program:	Bachelor		
	Semester:	Fall, 2023		
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	Location:	Nefchilar Campus		
Course Consultation:	Tuesday and Thursday 16:00-18:00 at the university by appointment or online (around 10-15 minutes).			
Language of Instruction	English			
Type of Course	Required			
Required Textbooks and Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Robert A. Baron, Nyla R. Branscombe (2022) Social psychology. 15th edition. ➤ David Myers & Jean Twenge (2021). Social Psychology. 14th edition. Pearson. ➤ Michael A. Hogg & Graham M. Vaughan (2021). 9th edition. Pearson. ➤ Joan C. Chrisler & Donald R. McCreary (2010). Handbook of Gender Research in Psychology. Springer, New York, NY. 			
Learning Activities and Teaching Methods	Lectures	+		
	Class discussion	+		
	Practical activities	+		
	Case studies	+		
Assessment Methods	Components	Date/deadline	Percentage (%)	
	Midterm	8 th week	30	
	Class Participation (Contributing to class discussions, sharing insights, integrating comments during the lecture time)	During the semester	5	
	Reading Assignments and Reflection Papers (Readings of assigned literature, attending class prepared, writing reflection essays)	During the semester	10	
	Attendance (Not exceeding the absence limit determined by the university)	During the semester	5	
	Group presentation (presenting topics as a group, presentation should be more than a summary of the literature)	During the semester	10	
	Final exam	January	40	
	Total		100	
Course outline	Social Psychology is the scientific study of how individuals think, behave, and			

	are influenced by others. The course provides a basic orientation in social psychological concepts, theory, methods, and research. The course deals with classical social psychological areas such as people's way of thinking about themselves and others, social identity, social perception, prejudice and discrimination, social influence, conformity, and group processes. Furthermore, attention is drawn to the various scientific methods that social psychologists use to study, understand, and explain human behavior.
Course objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To form scientific ideas about socio-psychological manifestations and processes, and their structure; • To acquaint students with basic socio-psychological concepts and experimental works; • Developing the ability to describe and analyze people's social behavior from a scientific-psychological point of view.
Learning Outcomes	<p>By the end of the semester, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe, discuss, and analyze fundamental principles, concepts, and basic research methods used in the field of social psychology. • Understand the main relation between society and person. • Apply social psychological concepts and ideas to the real world.
Marking Criteria	<p>Essay</p> <p>Coherence: The extent to which each statement follows from previous statements</p> <p>Argument: The extent to which there is a convincing line of argument running throughout the work.</p> <p>Evidence: The extent to which claims are supported by relevant and appropriate published research evidence and/or theoretical argument</p> <p>Grammar, spelling and general presentation</p> <p>Work which is late without permission will be penalised by 3 marks per day.</p> <p>If plagiarism is detected in one essay, other essays by the student concerned will be examined very carefully for evidence of the same offence.</p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>Information: detailed, accurate, relevant; key points highlighted;</p> <p>Structure: rigorously argued, logical, easy to follow;</p> <p>Analysis and Interpretation: extensive evidence of independent thought and critical analysis;</p> <p>Use of relevant and accurate Evidence: key points supported with highly relevant and accurate evidence, critically evaluated;</p> <p>Presentation Skills: clear, lively, imaginative; good use of visual aids (where appropriate);</p> <p>Time Management: perfectly timed, well organised;</p> <p>Group Skills: engages well with group; encourages discussion and responds well to questions.</p> <p>Work which is late without permission will be penalised by 3 marks per day.</p>
Rules	<p><i>Attendance.</i> It is important for students to attend all classes. If a student is unable to attend classes for a valid reason (illness, family status, etc.), they must report the matter to the faculty dean. It is expected students attend the class prepared and actively participate during class discussions.</p> <p><i>Laptops, Cell Phones, and Other Devices.</i> Please make sure that your cell phone and other devices are set to silent or vibration during the class period. Activities using cell phones and other devices, such as text messaging, taking pictures, and using social media are not permitted in the classroom. Active use of electronic devices during discussions creates a distraction for me, and others.</p>

Respect and Courtesy. Unethical discussion and behavior of students in the classroom is strictly prohibited. This class may cover some controversial issues for educational purposes, and you may encounter different values and views expressed by other students or the instructor. Please remember to have respect and courtesy toward each other and appreciate the diversity in class. Any disrespectful comments or behaviors are not permitted in this class.

Academic Ethics. Cheating or any other academic dishonesty including plagiarism will result in a serious consequence, including, but not limited to, getting zero (0) points on the given quiz, exam, or paper. The results of students engaged in academic dishonesty will be canceled.

Week	Dates (planned)	Topics	Readings
1	18.09.2023	Introduction to social psychology. The Science of the Social Side of Life. Main goals and practical usage.	Robert A. Baron, Nyla R. Branscombe (2022) Social psychology. 15th edition.
2	25.09.2023	Social cognition. Schemas: Mental Frameworks for Organizing Social Information. Affect and Cognition: How Feelings Shape Thought and Thought Shapes Feelings.	Robert A. Baron, Nyla R. Branscombe (2022) Social psychology. 15th edition.
3	02.10.23	Social perception. Nonverbal Communication: An Unspoken Language. Attribution: Understanding the Causes of Behavior.	Robert A. Baron, Nyla R. Branscombe (2022) Social psychology. 15th edition.
4	09.10.2023	The Self. Self-Presentation: Managing the Self in Different Social Contexts. Self-Esteem: Attitudes Toward Ourselves	Robert A. Baron, Nyla R. Branscombe (2022) Social psychology. 15th edition.
5	16.10.2023	Attitudes. Attitude Formation: How Attitudes Develop. Cognitive Dissonance.	Robert A. Baron, Nyla R. Branscombe (2022) Social psychology. 15th edition.
6	23.10.2023	Causes and Cures of Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Discrimination. The Nature and Origins of Stereotyping. Discrimination: Prejudice in Action. Gender Stereotypes and Gender Effects on Group Behavior.	Robert A. Baron, Nyla R. Branscombe (2022) Social psychology. 15th edition. Joan C. Chrisler & Donald R. McCreary (2010). Handbook of Gender Research in Psychology. Springer, New York, NY.
7	30.10.2023	Attraction and Intimacy. What Leads to Friendship and Attraction. Close Relationships: Foundation of Social Life.	David Myers & Jean Twenge (2021). Social Psychology. 14th edition. Robert A. Baron, Nyla R. Branscombe (2022)

			Social psychology. 15th edition.
8	06.11.2023	Social Influence. Conformity: How Groups and Norms Influence Our Behavior.	Robert A. Baron, Nyla R. Branscombe (2022) Social psychology. 15th edition.
9		Midterm Exam	
10	13.11.2023	Prosocial Behavior. Why People Help: Motives for Prosocial Behavior.	Robert A. Baron, Nyla R. Branscombe (2022) Social psychology. 15th edition.
11	20.11.2023	Aggression. Perspectives on Aggression: In Search of the Roots of Violence. Causes of Human Aggression: Social, Cultural, Personal, and Situational.	Robert A. Baron, Nyla R. Branscombe (2022) Social psychology. 15th edition.
12	27.11.2023	Groups and Individuals. When We Join . . . and When We Leave. Effects of the Presence of Others: From Task Performance to Behavior in Crowds. Social Facilitation.	Robert A. Baron, Nyla R. Branscombe (2022) Social psychology. 15th edition.
13	04.12.2023	Coordination in Groups: Cooperation or Conflict? Decision Making by Groups: How It Occurs and the Pitfalls It Faces. The influence of Minority: How Do Individuals Influence the Group.	Robert A. Baron, Nyla R. Branscombe (2022) Social psychology. 15th edition. David Myers & Jean Twenge (2021). Social Psychology. 14th edition.
14	11.12.2023	Culture. Locating Culture in Social Psychology. Culture, Thought and Behavior.	Michael A. Hogg & Graham M. Vaughan (2021). 9th edition.
15	18.12.2023	Dealing with Adversity and Achieving a Happy Life. Social Sources of Stress and Their Effects on Personal Well-Being.	Robert A. Baron, Nyla R. Branscombe (2022) Social psychology. 15th edition.
16	25.12.2023	Applying Social Psychology. What Cognitive Processes Accompany Mental Health Issues. How Reliable is Eyewitness Testimony?	David Myers & Jean Twenge (2021). Social Psychology. 14th edition.
		Final	