

SYLLABUS
PART I
EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PSY 230S SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
3 CREDIT HOURS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to the study of social psychology emphasizing how individual and social interactions influence one another. Topics include social cognition; attitudes; conformity and obedience; group processes; pro-social and antisocial behavior; stereotyping and prejudice; and the creation and influence of culture. Prerequisite: PSY 121S.

COURSE GOALS

The student will:

Bloom's Level		
5	1. Describe and evaluate the theories, principles, concepts, and research findings related to social cognition, attitudes, decision making, group processes, pro-social behavior, aggression, conformity and obedience, stereotyping and prejudice, and other important topics in social psychology.	
3, 5	2. Explain how social psychology concepts, principles, and methods apply to individual behavior, interpersonal interactions, and group behavior in everyday life.	
3	3. Apply social psychology concepts and principles to explain how behavior is influenced by factors such as groups, authority figures, in-group bias, gender, and cognitive dissonance.	
3	4. Apply social psychology principles such as attribution, cognitive dissonance, and in-/out-group behavior to predict outcomes in social situations.	
2	5. Distinguish legitimate and illegitimate forms of social influence.	
3	6. Explain and apply social psychological principles regarding social and ethical problems such as prejudice and crime.	
4, 5	7. Develop and use library research skills to analyze and assess theories, research methods and findings, and applications in social psychology.	

CORE VALUES

The core values are a set of principles that guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison. They include communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, and interpersonal skills/teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce and/or reinforce these core values whenever appropriate.

TOPIC OUTLINE

1. Introduction to Social Psychology
2. Methodology
3. Social Cognition/Perception
4. Self-Knowledge
5. Attitudes
6. Conformity and Obedience

7. Group Process
8. Aggression
9. Stereotyping and Prejudice
10. Social Psychology/Health and Law