

MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

DEPT. PSYC

COURSE NUMBER: 2260

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 3

Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 OJT 0

Course Title:
Social Psychology

Catalog Description:
Social Psychology provides students with the scientific studies of individual behaviors as influenced by other people and in social contexts. Specific emphasis will be placed on social psychological theories and research findings on such areas as the self-concept, social cognition, attribution theory, social influence, group processes, prejudice and discrimination, interpersonal processes, aggression, attitudes, stereotypes, the relation of self and culture/multicultural.

Prerequisites or Necessary Entry Skills/Knowledge:
None

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (*Leave blank if not applicable*)

☒ Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences: By meeting the following competencies:

1. employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
4. develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

☒ Goal 7: Human Diversity: By meeting the following competencies:

1. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States' history and culture.
2. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
3. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
4. Describe and discuss the experience and contributions (political, social, economic, etc.) of the many groups that shape American society and culture, in particular those groups that have suffered discrimination and exclusion.

5. Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity

Topics to be Covered (General)
The history of Social Psychology
Social psychology theories/theorists
Discuss topics such as the self-concept, social cognition, attribution theory, social influence, group processes, prejudice and discrimination, interpersonal processes, aggression, attitudes, stereotypes, the relation of self and culture/multicultural

Student Learning Outcomes
Identify the significant concepts and theoretical approaches in social psychology such as self-perception theory, attribution theories, and cognitive dissonance.
Utilize basic research methods and explain ethical responsibilities in social psychological research.
Critically evaluate research in social psychology.
Apply social psychological theories or concepts to “real world” and/or personal examples.
Analyze oneself and others as social beings subject to situational influences.
Critically evaluate social behavior to cultural context.
Critically evaluate social behavior to biological and evolutionary factors.
Demonstrate the ability to engage in class discussions and efficiently complete quizzes/exams/other assignments.

Is this course part of a transfer pathway: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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