PSYC-2120: Social Psychology (Online | Spring 2020)

Instructor Information

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I prefer text messages. I will not respond after 9pm.

Course Information

Course Description
This course will provide a survey and analysis of the mutual influences of individuals and groups, including topics in social thinking, social influence, and social relations.

Student Learning Objectives

- To understand why social psychology is a science.
- To encourage open and thoughtful discussion about topics in social psychology.
- To become more aware of how social situations influence behavior, and vice versa.
- To encourage reflection about the implications of social psychological research for the situations we encounter in everyday life.
- To further develop critical thinking skills.

Prerequisites
DSPW 0800 (Developmental Writing), DSPR 0800 (Developmental Reading), or equivalent.

**Instructional / Learning Methods**
This is a total online class. That means all work will be turned in online and test will be taken online. To completely understand this class, you must read all information under Getting Started. The first week of class there will be assignments for you to complete to make sure you understand all the tools that will be used in this class. (email, discussions, dropbox, quizzes, etc)

Lecture notes will be provided for each module and reading will be required from your textbook. Links will be provided along with videos to help explain the materials.

**Specific Course Requirements**
The most important specific course requirement is to keep up with due dates. Due dates will be listed in the calendar and in the class. My best advise is to look at or write the due dates down in a separate calendar, so that you will not fall behind.

**Textbooks, Supplementary Materials, Hardware, and Software Requirements**

**Required Text**

**Additional Text**
There will be no additional text for this class.

**Supplementary Materials**
There will be no supplimental materials for this class.

**Hardware Requirements**
If this course requires the use of a computer, these are general recommendations for accessing any of the services that Southwest offers on the Web (e.g. My.Southwest, etc.).

- minimum Pentium IV or higher processor (recommended)
- SVGA monitor, minimum resolution 800x600 (1024x768 strongly recommended)
- CD-ROM or DVD drive
- floppy drive, zip drive, or CD-RW drive
- Mouse or compatible pointing device
- at least 512 MB of RAM (recommended)
- (optional) printer

**Software Requirements**

The software listed below is recommended for any student accessing Southwest services through the Internet. Your course may have specific software requirements.

- Windows 10 or 7
- Mac OS X (up to 10.12) (OS 10.14 recommended)
- Firefox (latest)
- Microsoft Edge
- Chrome (latest)
- Internet Explorer: DO NOT USE WITH PAWS
- Current Anti-Virus protection
- Reliable Internet connection (broadband recommended but not required)

Many instructors may require assignments to be submitted using Microsoft Excel or Microsoft Word. To learn how to obtain discounted software from Microsoft, visit [http://southwest.tn.onthehub.com](http://southwest.tn.onthehub.com).

**Assessment and Grading**

**Method of Evaluation**

**TEST:**

- All test will be taken online. You will never have to come to the campus unless you want to meet with me.
- All test are graded by the computer and you will see your grade as soon as you are finished with the test.
- The test will be timed and you will only get one attempt to take it.
- All test open at 12:00am midnight on a Thursday and close the following Sunday at 11:59pm.
- Test will not be reopened unless there is a death or hospitalization in the family.

**STUDY GUIDE/PRACTICE TEST:**

The Study Guide/Practice Test are worth 20 points each. You will have three attempts to make 100% correct. The computer will record your highest grade. The Study Guide/Practice Test are examples of the questions that will be on the test.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

The Discussion questions are worth 20 points each. The questions will be located under the Communication tool at the top of the page. The question will pertain to the material that we are covering in that module. Directions to receive full credit on your Discussion question is located on the Content page.

**DROPBOX ASSIGNMENTS:**

The Dropbox assignments will be worth 20 points each. The Dropbox assignments are located under the Assessment tool at the top of the page. The Dropbox assignments will pertain to material that we will be covering in that module. They will be an actual exercise that you will have to do and report on.

**Grading Scale**

90-100=A

80-89=B

70-79=C

60-69=D

below 60=F

**Testing Procedure / Policy**
All test will be taken at home or on your computer. You will only have one attempt to take the test and it will be timed. Test will not be reopened unless you or your family is in the hospital or there is a death in the family.

**Major Assignments**

Major assignments will be:

- 5 Test
- 5 Study Guides/Practice Test
- 5 Discussion Questions
- 5 Dropbox Assignments

**Participation / Attendance Policy**

All students are expected to participate on a regular basis. Due dates are to be observed and tests are to be taken on time. I expect that you will log on to the class several times a week to complete assignments, take tests, and read other students' responses to their discussion posts.

**Policy on Student Professional Conduct**

I expect that all students will complete their own work and behave in a professional manner when responding to emails and discussion posts.

**Additional Policies**

I do not accept extra credit.

**Guidelines for Communications**

**Email Guidelines**

Each student has been provided a Southwest email account. Please do not email your classmates unless the topic relates specifically to this course. Emails that contain advertisements, solicitations, personal interests, etc. are strictly forbidden. Below are a few guidelines that you should keep in mind when sending email:
Always include a subject line.
Typing in all CAPS is considered SHOUTING in Cyberspace. So please use upper and lower case characters when sending emails.
Remember, without facial expressions some comments may be taken the wrong way. Be careful in wording your emails and use good Netiquette.
Use standard fonts.
Do not send large attachments without permission.
Respect the privacy of other class members.

**Online instructors will respond to all emails within 48 hours.**

**Discussion Guidelines**
Below are a few guidelines that should be adhered to when using the Discussion forum. Messages that contain advertisements, solicitations, personal interests, etc. are strictly forbidden.

- Review the discussion threads thoroughly before entering the discussion.
- Please try to maintain threads by using the "Reply" button rather starting a new topic.
- Do not make insulting or inflammatory statements to other members of the class. Be respectful of others' ideas.
- Be patient and read the comments of other group members thoroughly before entering your remarks.
- Be positive and constructive in group discussions.
- Respond in a thoughtful and timely manner.

**Technical Support**

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[My.Southwest](#): Submit a [Student Technical Support Request](#). Please provide a full detailed explanation of the problem.

[PAWS](#): For course related questions, contact your instructor. For technical issues with the PAWS website, contact the College Helpdesk at (901) 333-4357 or Digital Learning at (901) 333-4612.

**Student Services**
Embedded Librarian Service

This service may be found inside PAWS courses.

Two Southwest Librarians are assigned to work with you and your instructor throughout the course for the entire semester. The Librarians will suggest library resources and answer questions sent to "Ask A Librarian."

To contact a Librarian by email, go to the Classlist and select "Ask A Librarian."

Student Services Links

- Academic Support Centers / Tutoring
- Advising
- Campuses, Centers, and Site
- Student Disability Services Southwest Tennessee Community College is committed to serving all students, including students with disabilities, and adheres to the guidelines set forth in Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Additional Links: Student Information & Services

Academic Support

The Academic Support Center (ASC) provides free services and resources to help Southwest students successfully reach their academic and career goals. These services include tutoring by peer and master tutors, computer labs, success workshops, academic coaching, early alerts from your instructors and areas for individual or group study at numerous locations. The ASC also provides Supplemental Instruction in some of our general education classes and the Center is also responsible for Academic Progress Reporting so that you will be aware of your academic standing during the 5th-6th week of the semester. Online tutoring services are offered through Smarthinking 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Simply login to your PAWS to access this online tutoring resource.

Additional Information

Drop/Withdrawal Dates

See the current official college academic catalog for the withdrawal policies. Important semester drop and withdrawal dates can be found on the Cashier's Office Important Dates page.

Academic Misconduct
Plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited. A student guilty of academic misconduct, either directly or indirectly, through participation or assistance, is immediately responsible to the instructor of the class. The instructor has the authority to assign an "F" grade or a zero for the exercise or examination, or to assign an "F" for the course. College sanctions for academic misconduct may include suspension or dismissal from the College. Please see the section in the current Catalog on Academic Misconduct.

**Classroom Behavior:** Any student engaged in disruptive conduct or conduct violating the general rules or regulations of the College may be ordered to temporarily leave the classroom. Extended or permanent exclusion from the classroom can be achieved only through appropriate procedures of the College.

**Open Labs**

**Macon Cove Campus**

- Bert Bornblum Library: Available during [library hours](#)
- Farris Building, Room 2131: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Union Avenue Campus**

- Jess Parrish Library - Available during [library hours](#)
- M Building, Room 105, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Gill Center**

- Computer Lab, Room 101 (Please note this room is available when classes are not scheduled. Schedule fluctuates each semester.)
- Library - Available during [library hours](#)

**Maxine A. Smith Center**

- Open Lab, Room 101
- Library - Available during [library hours](#)

**Whitehaven Center**

- Open Lab, Building 6, Room 127
- Library - Available during [library hours](#)

**Syllabus Updates**
The instructor reserves the right to make changes as necessary to this syllabus. If changes are necessitated during the term of the course, the instructor will immediately notify students of such changes.