

PS220-15 Social Psychology

26/27

Department

Psychology

Level

Undergraduate Level 2

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

11 weeks

Assessment

30% coursework, 70% exam

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

The module discusses social psychology as the scientific study of human behaviour as influenced by other people and the social context in which this occurs.

Module aims

It aims to provide an introduction to central concepts, theories and research in social psychology, and to discuss the contribution which social psychology makes to understanding the individual as a social being within a social context and the relationship between the two.

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Introduction to Social Psychology

Conformity and Obedience

Compliance and Social Influence

Social Cognition and Decision Making

Groups

The Self
Attribution
Attitude Change
Persuasion
Stereotyping and Prejudice
Revision

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- At the end of the module students should be able to: · understand and discuss and evaluate methods for studying social psychology, and the relation between phenomena, research methods, data and theories;
- and be able critically to discuss theory and research on the following topics: · social cognition, persuasion, and social influence
- social perception, attribution and inference
- attitude structure, function and change
- behaviour within and between groups

Indicative reading list

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

Subject specific skills

Evaluate methods for studying social psychology, understanding of the relationship between different areas of psychology as a discipline, understanding of the relationship between phenomena, research methods, data and theories

Subject material in Social Psychology promotes understanding in :

1. Ethical values: Integrity, Learning about personal biases.
2. Inter-cultural awareness
3. Sustainability: Learning research related to environmental attitudes.

Transferable skills

Core skills:

Communication (Formal writing in essay exam)

Critical Thinking: (critically discuss theory and research)

Professionalism: (effective personal planning skills)

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	11 sessions of 2 hours (15%)
Seminars	4 sessions of 1 hour (3%)
Private study	81 hours (54%)
Assessment	43 hours (29%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

guided student study and assessment preparation

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group D4

Weighting Study time Eligible for self-certification

Assessment component

MCQ Test	12%	8 hours	No
Online MCQ test			

Reassessment component is the same

Assessment component

MCQ Test	18%	8 hours	No
Online MCQ test			

Weighting Study time Eligible for self-certification

Reassessment component is the same

Assessment component

Centrally-timetabled examination (Online) 70% 27 hours No

Essay based exam

~Platforms - AEP

- Online examination: No Answerbook required

Reassessment component is the same

Feedback on assessment

Tabula, exam performance via personal tutor or online.

[Past exam papers for PS220](#)

Availability

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 2 of UPSA-C800 Undergraduate Psychology

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 2 of UIPA-C8L8 Undergraduate Psychology and Global Sustainable Development
- Year 3 of UPSA-C804 Undergraduate Psychology with Education Studies
- Year 4 of UPSA-C806 Undergraduate Psychology with Education Studies (with Intercalated Year)

This module is Optional for:

- Year 2 of UECA-3 Undergraduate Economics 3 Year Variants
- Year 2 of UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
- UPHA-L1CA Undergraduate Economics, Psychology and Philosophy

- Year 2 of L1CA Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
- Year 2 of L1CC Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Behavioural Economics Pathway)
- Year 2 of L1CD Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Economics with Philosophy Pathway)
- Year 2 of L1CE Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Philosophy and Psychology Pathway)

This module is Unusual option for:

- Year 2 of UPHA-L1CA Undergraduate Economics, Psychology and Philosophy

This module is Core option list A for:

- Year 3 of UPSA-C802 Undergraduate Psychology with Linguistics

This module is Option list B for:

- Year 2 of UPHA-VL78 BA in Philosophy with Psychology