PS300-15 Social Psychology

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Department
Psychology
Level
Undergraduate Level 3
Module leader
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Credit value
15
Module duration
12 weeks
Assessment
40% coursework, 60% 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:

- 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
- be able critically to discuss theory and research on social perception, attribution and inference
- be able critically to discuss theory and research on attitude structure, function and change
- be able critically to discuss theory and research on 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 (13%)
Seminars	4 sessions of 1 hour (2%)
Private study	67 hours (41%)
Assessment	72 hours (44%)
Total	165 hours

Private study description

guided student study, independent reading 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.

Assessment group D

Assessment component	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
MCQ test 1- 300 level Online test covering lecture material	10%	15 hours	No

Reassessment component is the same

Assessment component	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
MCQ test 2- 300 level Online test covering lecture material	15%	15 hours	No

Reassessment component is the same

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
Short answer test - 300 level Online test short answer test	15%	15 hours	No
Reassessment component is the same			
Assessment component			
Centrally-timetabled examination (Online) Essay based exam ~Platforms - AEP	60%	27 hours	No

- 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 PS300

Availability

Anti-requisite modules

If you take this module, you cannot also take:

- PS220-15 Social Psychology

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 3 of UPSA-C804 Undergraduate Psychology with Education Studies

- Year 4 of UPSA-C806 Undergraduate Psychology with Education Studies (with Intercalated Year)