

Course Outline for PSYC2224 — Social Psychology

Credits: 3 (3/0/0)

Description: Meets MnTC Goal Areas 5 and 7. This course is designed to cover the issues and themes current in the field of social psychology. Examples of such issues include relational and physical aggression; the role of technology in group relations; stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination; and how group identification influences thinking and behavior. A range of psychological theories and concepts will be examined and compared historically, as well as across multiple social contexts.

Prerequisites: (None)

Corequisites: (None)

Competencies:

1. Identify the major concepts and theoretical approaches in psychological social psychology such as self-perception theory, attribution theories and cognitive dissonance.
2. Understand basic research methods and ethical responsibilities in social psychological research and in psychology.
3. Critically evaluate research in psychological social psychology.
4. Apply social psychological theories or concepts to real-world and/or personal examples.
5. Analyze oneself and others as social beings subject to situational influences.
6. Relate social behavior to cultural context.
7. Relate social behavior to biological and evolutionary factors.

Goal Areas: (5) History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences
(7) Human Diversity