

## COURSE SYLLABUS

**COURSE: PSY 237 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**HOURS:** Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Shop/Clinical: 0 Credits: 3

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course introduces the study of individual behavior within social contexts. Topics include affiliation, attitude formation and change, conformity, altruism, aggression, attribution, interpersonal attraction, and group behavior. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the basic principles of social influences on behavior. *This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement general education core requirement in social/behavioral sciences.*

**PREREQUISITE(S):** PSY 150 OR SOC 210

**COREQUISITE(S):** ENG 111

**TEXTBOOK(S) & OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

No textbook required

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Understand the historical and current trends in the field of social psychology.
2. Explain the implications of social psychology research and theories for individuals and society.
3. Evaluate the strengths, weaknesses, and ethics of the various research designs employed in the field.
4. Describe and assess the basic psychological theories, principles, and concepts explaining social cognition, attitude formation, decision making, group processes, pro-social behavior, aggression, conformity/obedience and stereotyping/prejudice.
5. Explain how human behavior is influenced by such social factors as groups, authority figures, in-group bias, gender roles, cognitive dissonance, etc.
6. Discuss the generalizability of the research findings across time and cultures.

## **SYLLABUS INFORMATION:**

The Student Learning Outcomes listed in this syllabus are those required actions that a student who successfully completes the course must be able to perform. The educational experience, however, is a two-way, interactive process involving both the student and the instructor. The student must play an active role in the learning process in order to be successful. Instructors will provide an Instructor's Syllabus at the first class meeting explaining how they measure each of the Student Learning Outcomes. A student who is unable to accomplish the outcomes will not receive a passing grade in the course.

The information in this BCC Syllabus may not be accurate beyond the current semester. Textbooks and other course materials are subject to change. Students should verify the textbooks with their instructor at the first class meeting prior to opening and using the textbook and/or material.

## **GRADING SYSTEM:**

Brunswick Community College employs a system of letter grades and corresponding quality points per grade to evaluate a student's performance in meeting the stated goals and objectives for each course. The grading system is published in the [BCC Catalog and Student Handbook](#).

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

Each student has individual responsibility for attending class regularly and for meeting course objectives. A student is expected to attend all class meetings in a course. Rules on tardiness and leaving class early are addressed in each instructor's syllabus. Instructors are required to record absences and report excessive absenteeism to the Registrar.

If a student is absent for any reason in excess of 20 percent of the class hours, he or she is in violation of the Brunswick Community College attendance policy. Unless the student officially withdraws from the course prior to the 65 percent point of the 16 week semester (or equivalent days for courses of other duration), he or she may receive a grade of "F."

Students who receive an "EXCESSIVE ABSENTEEISM NOTICE" are advised to contact their instructors immediately to review the conditions for withdrawing from the course or for continuing the course.

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

Brunswick Community College complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, which require that no qualified student with a disability be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of any services, programs or activities on the basis of his or her disability. If a student has a disability that is covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act and requires accommodations in the classroom and/or in extracurricular activities, the student must request the accommodations in writing and submit the request to the Disability Services Coordinator.

Instructors will not provide accommodations without notification from the Disability Services Coordinator. Brunswick Community College will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations.