# -Syllabus-

# PSY 340 Social Psychology

## Semester : 2020-2021 Fall

## Type of Course: PSYCHOLOGY

## Instructor : S. Cigdem Bagci

Office hours: Friday (online) 10.00-11.00 (only by email)

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Class hours: 3 hours (*synchronous-live* and *recorded* – each week will be uploaded via sucourse)

There will be no requirement for attendance, however classroom discussions are an important (and also fun) part of this class, therefore please try to attend as much as possible.

**Course description**

This course presents students a broad introduction about the major themes of social psychology. Generally, the lectures aim to explore the many ways in which we can be influenced by other people and the social environment we live in and also to introduce students the main theories, research and scientists of the different areas of social psychology including cognitive processes (e.g., social cognition, social perception, the self) and social relations between people (e.g., prosocial behavior, interpersonal relations, group processes). Beyond the theoretical knowledge, the course will provide an insight into the many different areas and an ability to analyze and formulate society-related examples.

**Textbook:** (Optional)

Aronson, E., Wilson, T.D. & Akert, R. M. (2010)   Social Psychology, 7th Edition  Pearson.  ISBN-13: 978-0-13-507421-3, ISBN-10: 0-13-507421-5

**Grading:**

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| A | 90-100 |
| A- | 85-89.99 |
| B+ | 80-84.99 |
| B | 75-79.99 |
| B- | 70-74.99 |
| C+ | 65-69.99 |
| C | 60-64.99 |
| C- | 55-59.99 |
| D+ | 50-54.99 |
| D | 45-49.99 |
| F | 0-44.99 |

**Grades**

The breakup of grades is as follows:

Midterm (take home assignment, submitted online) 50%

Final (take home assignment, submitted online) 50%

**Course Schedule**

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| **Week** | **Topic** |
| 1 | Introduction and Overview: Social Psychology |
| 2 | Research and Approaches |
| 3 | Social Cognition |
| 4 | The self: Understanding ourselves in a social context |
| 5 | Justification: The Need to Justify Our Actions |
| 6 | Attitudes and Attitude Changes: Influencing Thoughts and Feelings |
| 7 | Discussion week |
| 8 | \*\*\*MIDTERM\*\*\* |
| 9 | Social influence |
| 10 | Group processes |
| 11 | Social media and networking |
| 12 | Interpersonal attraction |
| 13 | Prosocial behaviour |
| 14 | Prejudice |

\*\*Additional readings and materials will be communicated to students when necessary (e.g., online resources and/or materials).

**Research Participation (up to 3 bonus points = 6 research points)**

Students can optionally serve as participants in research that is run by Sabanci University researchers. By participating in research, you can get extra points. For this course, you will be able to earn up to 3 bonus points (1 research point equals ~ 30 minutes of research participation). Six research points (6PRs) will be converted to 3 bonus points added to your overall total at the end of the semester. More information on the available research projects will be provided during the semester. You will be able to sign up for the experiments and get your research participation points through the online Sona system at http://sabanciuniv.sona-systems.com. Please, carefully read the Guide for Students: Sabancı University Experiment Credits System (Sona).

\*\*\*Course content, requirements and policies are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor