# -Syllabus-

# PSY 340 Social Psychology

## Semester : 2022-2023 Fall

## Type of Course: PSYCHOLOGY

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Class hours: 3 hours

3 hours *Tuesday 8.40-10.30 FASS 1099*

*Tuesday 14.40-15.30 FASS G018*

**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

**Attendance/Participation**

Attendance and participation are strongly encouraged.

Consistently attending classes and participating in discussions will be added to your overall grade as bonus points:

-0 pts for no attendance/participation;

-1 pt for 50-60% attendance/participation

-2 pts for 90-100% attendance/participation

**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 (mixture of multiple choice and short essay) 35%

Reflection Paper (take-home group paper) 20%

Final (mixture of multiple choice and short essay) 45%

**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 | Interpersonal attraction |
| 10 | Social media and networking |
| 11 | Social influence |
| 12 | Prosocial behaviour |
| 13 | Aggression |
| 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