

**Date:** October 2006

- I. Course Name:** Social Psychology  
**Prefix and Number:** PSY 210  
**Credit Hours and Contact Hours:** 3 credit hours - 3 contact hours

**Catalog Description:**

A study of how people think about, influence, and relate to one another. This course focuses on how attitudes develop, the interrelationship between attitudes and behavior and how societies and groups influence the way individuals act. An examination of social relationships focuses on interpersonal attraction, prejudice, aggression, conflict, and helping behavior. Prerequisite: PSY 100

**II. Course Objectives and Outcomes**

- 1- To provide each student with a general knowledge of three major areas of social psychology: social influence, attitudes and attitude change, and our perception and interaction with others.
- 2- To help students develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

Learning Outcomes: Students may demonstrate their ability to understand the course material and content listed in the course objective #1 by passing quizzes and examinations. Course objective #2 may be achieved through writing a term paper and giving oral presentations in class.

Relationship to Academic Programs and Curriculum: This course serves as a general elective in an A.A. or A.S. Liberal Arts program.

College competencies addressed by the course: Writing, oral communications, problem solving, reading, critical thinking are the primary competencies addressed in this course. Also computer literacy will be addressed in this course.

**III. Methods of Instruction**

- Types of course materials: This course will include a textbook and other materials selected by the instructor.
- Methods of instruction: This course will be taught by lecture, discussion, presentations and student participation.
- Method of Evaluation: Grades may be based on exams, quizzes, research papers and class projects.
- Assessment measures: Upon completion of this class, students will have been assessed on all those factors outside a person which cause people to think or act in certain ways.

**IV. General Outline of Topics covered**

- How people construct their social worlds.
- How people tend to underestimate the impact of the social situation.
- How people need to view themselves in a positive light.
- How people need to feel connected to other people.
- How people can process information about their social world in the most efficient way possible.