

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: Psychology (PSY)
2. Course Number: 250
3. Course Title: Social Psychology
4. Credit Hours: 4
5. Course Description: This capstone course in psychology critically examines the scientific study of social thinking, social influence, and social relations. Prerequisite: PSY 101 and any 3 credits of a 200-level PSY course or Consent of Instructor for transferred coursework. Pre/Co-requisite: ENG 102. General Education: Social and Behavioral Sciences. Special Requirements: Intensive Writing/Critical Thinking; Ethnic/Race/Gender Awareness; Contemporary Global and International Awareness Course. Four lecture.

B. Course Goals:

To provide students with an understanding of how we as individuals within a social context think about others, interact with others, and the ways in which our attitudes, beliefs, and behavior are influenced by, and influence the social world in which we live.

C. Course Outcomes: Students will:

1. describe the research methods used to study social psychology;
2. explain how biological, behavioral, cognitive, social, and cultural factors influence human behavior;
3. explain how social beliefs and judgments are formed about the self and others;
4. explain the relationship between social pressures and behavior, such as persuasion, conformity, obedience, and group influence;
5. explain the dynamics of social interaction, such as attraction, pro-social behavior, aggression, and discrimination;
6. and write a research paper using APA format.

D. Course Outcomes Assessment will include:

1. written exams;
2. and a research paper using APA format.

E. Course Content will include:

1. research methods;
2. social cognition;
3. attitude formation;
4. prejudice and discrimination;
5. persuasion, conformity, obedience, and group influences on behavior;
6. interpersonal relationships;
7. pro-social behavior and aggression;
8. and psychological research and APA guidelines.