



Shanghai University of Finance & Economics

2021 Summer Program

PSY 210 Social Psychology

Course Outline

Course Code: PSY 210

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Credit: 4

Course Description: Social psychology is the scientific study of the way people think about, feel, and behave in social situations. It involves understanding how people influence, and are influenced by, the others around them. A primary goal of this course is to introduce you to the perspectives, research methods, and empirical findings of social psychology. Topics to be covered include: social perception, social cognition, attitudes, social identity, prejudice and discrimination, interpersonal attraction, prosocial behavior, and aggression.

Required Textbooks: Social Psychology by Elliot Aronson et al. Pearson. (10th edition)

Grading & Evaluation:

Grading System (1 ~ 100)

A+ : 95 - 100	A : 87 - 94	A- : 82 - 86
B+ : 78 - 81	B : 75 - 77	B- : 71 - 74
C+ : 68 - 70	C : 65 - 67	C- : 61 - 64
D : 55 - 60	F : Fail	

Grades will be distributed as

Assignments and Essays (30%) – Use the theories (at least 4) learned from this class to explain people's behaviors and attitudes toward COVID19. The paper has to be no less than 500 words, and APA formatted. Grades are given based on thoughtful analyses and application of the relevant theories (40%), evidence-based argument and critical thinking (40%), and overall writing and grammar (20%). The paper is due by 12am EST, 23 August, 2020 which is 12pm Beijing Time, 24 August, 2020.



Midterm exam (35%) – will be multiple choice questions given at the end of week 2 to cover all materials previously studied.

Final exam (35%) – will be multiple choice questions given at the end of week 4 to cover all materials previously studied.

Course Schedule:

Every week, students will watch 5 videos of lecture.

Week 1

Session 1: Course Introduction

Session 2: Methodology

Session 3: Social Cognition I

Session 4: Social Cognition II

Week 2

Session 1: Social Perception I

Session 2: Social Perception II

Session 3: Self

Session 4: Cognitive Dissonance

Midterm

Week 3

Session 1: Attitudes and Attitudes Change

Session 2: Conformity

Session 3: Obedience

Session 4: Group Processes

Week 4

Session 1: Attraction



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Session 2: Prosocial Behavior

Session 3: Aggression

Session 4: Prejudice

Final Exam