

CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY

PSY 322: Social Psychology

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Text:

(ebook) Greenberg, J., Schmader, T., Andt, J., & Landau, M. (2018). Social Psychology with Launchpad Access (2nd ed.). New York, NY: Worth Publishers.

We will be using an ebook that is included on the Launchpad website. To purchase access to the Launchpad website go to <https://www.macmillanhighered.com/launchpad/greenberg2e/13702044> (Links to an external site.). You will need access to the Launchpad website in order to complete the required work for the course. There is more information about Launchpad at the end of the syllabus.

Program Course Linkage

This course develops and assesses the skills and competencies for the Psychology program student learning outcome 1) Students will identify key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology; and 4) Students will exhibit the value of educating the whole person through the description and explanation of the dynamic nature between one's mind, body, and social influences.

Catalog Course Description

This course examines the impact of social interaction on how we think, feel, and behave. The course explores interpersonal relations, social attitudes, group dynamics, inter-group relations, class and cultural influences.

Course Overview

This course will provide an overview of the field of social psychology. Through active participation and the use of discussion, videos, mini-lectures, activities, student presentations, and reading, students will have the opportunity to fully explore the exciting field of social psychology.

Marianist Educational Values

Chaminade University is a Catholic, Marianist University. The five characteristics of a Marianist education are:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith

Catholic Universities affirm an intricate relationship between reason and faith. As important as discursive and logical formulations and critical thinking are, they are not able to capture all that can be and ought to be learned. Intellectual rigor coupled with respectful humility provide a more profound preparation for both career and life. Intellectual rigor characterizes the pursuit of all that can be learned. Respectful humility reminds people of faith that they need to learn from those who are of other faiths and cultures, as well as from those who may have no religious faith at all.

2. Provide an Excellent Education

In the Marianist approach to education, “excellence” includes the whole person, not just the technician or rhetorician. Marianist universities educate whole persons, developing their physical, psychological, intellectual, moral, spiritual and social qualities. Faculty and students attend to fundamental moral attitudes, develop their personal talents and acquire skills that will help them learn all their lives. The Marianist approach to education links theory and practice, liberal and professional education. Our age has been deeply shaped by science and technology. Most recently, information and educational technologies have changed the way faculty and students research and teach. At Marianist Universities, two goals are pursued simultaneously:

an appropriate use of information technology for learning, and the enhancement of interaction between students and teachers. As Catholic, Marianist Universities seek to embrace diverse peoples and understand diverse cultures, convinced that ultimately, when such people come together, one of the highest purposes of education is realized: a human community that respects every individual within it.

3. Educate in Family Spirit

Known for their strong sense of community, Marianists have traditionally spoken of this sense as “family spirit.” Marianist educational experience fosters the development of a community characterized by a sense of family spirit that accepts each person with loving respect, and draws everyone in the university into the challenge of community building. Family spirit also enables Marianist universities to challenge their students, faculty and staff to excellence and maturity, because the acceptance and love of a community gives its members the courage to risk failure and the joy of sharing success.

4. Educate for Service, Justice, and Peace

The Marianist approach to higher education is deeply committed to the common good. The intellectual life itself is undertaken as a form of service in the interest of justice and peace, and the university curriculum is designed to connect the classroom with the wider world. In addition, Marianist universities extend a special concern for the poor and marginalized and promote the

dignity, rights and responsibilities of all people.

5. Educate for Adaptation to Change

In the midst of rapid social and technological change, Marianist universities readily adapt and change their methods and structures so that the wisdom of their educational philosophy and spirituality may be transmitted even more fully. "New times call for new methods," Father Chaminade often repeated. The Marianist university faces the future confidently, on the one hand knowing that it draws on a rich educational philosophy, and on the other fully aware for that philosophy to remain vibrant in changing times, adaptations need to be made.

Selected from Characteristics of Marianist Universities: A Resource Paper, Published in 1999 by Chaminade University of Honolulu, St. Mary's University and University of Dayton

Each of these characteristics is integrated, to varying degrees, in this course.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will demonstrate an understanding of:

1. the major theories from social psychology.
2. the major theorists who have contributed to the study of social psychology.
3. the major principles and concepts from the study of social psychology ranging from normal to abnormal human behavior.
4. the scientific method and how it is used to examine ideas and information from social psychology.
5. the role of culture and environment as it relates to social psychology.
6. the major research that has been conducted in the area of social psychology.
7. ethical issues and considerations related to social psychology.

Title IX Compliance

Chaminade University of Honolulu recognizes the inherent dignity of all individuals and promotes respect for all people. Sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse will NOT be tolerated at CUH. If you have been the victim of sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, we encourage you to report this matter promptly. As a faculty member, I am interested in promoting a safe and healthy environment, and should I learn of any sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, I must report the matter to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you want to speak to a confidential source you may contact the following:

- Chaminade Counseling Center 808 735-4845.
- Any priest serving as a sacramental confessor or any ordained religious leader serving in the sacred confidence role.

Students With Disabilities

Chaminade University will provide assistance for any student with documented disabilities. Any student who believes he/she may need accommodations in this class must contact the counseling center 735-4845 or, 739-4603, (office next to Security) in order to determine if the student meets the requirements for documented disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is important to contact them as soon as possible so that accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is an essential aspect of all learning, scholarship, and research. It is one of the values regarded most highly by academic communities throughout the world. Violations of the principle of academic honesty are extremely serious and will not be tolerated.

Students are responsible for promoting academic honesty at Chaminade by not participating in any act of dishonesty and by reporting any incidence of academic dishonesty to an instructor or to a University official. Academic dishonesty may include theft of records or examinations, alteration of grades, and plagiarism.

Questions of academic dishonesty in a particular class are first reviewed by the instructor, who must make a report with recommendations to the Dean of the Academic Division. Punishment for academic dishonesty will be determined by the instructor and the Dean of the Academic Division and may range from an 'F' grade for the work in question to an 'F' for the course to suspension or dismissal from the University.

Course Requirements

Grades for the course will be assigned based on the quality of student work as demonstrated by successful completion of the following requirements:

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| A. Final Paper | = | 65 points |
| B. Learning Curve Modules (57 @ 5 points) | = | 285 points |
| C. Quizzes (15 @ 5 points each) | = | 75 points |
| D. Discussions (5 @ 0 points) | = | 0 points |
| Total Points | = | 425 points |

A. Final Paper (65 points)

Write a three page paper describing some of the things that you learned over the semester that you feel will be useful to you in the future.

B. Learning Curve (57 @ 5 points) After reading each section of each chapter, complete the Learning Curve exercise on the Launchpad website.

C. **Quizzes** (15 @ 5 points) After reading and studying the chapter materials and other information that is available on the Launchpad website (i.e., videos) and completing the Learning Curve modules for the chapter, you should take the Summative Quiz on the Launchpad website.

D. **Discussions** (5 @ 0 points)- There are weekly discussion questions for weeks 1 through 5. They will be available on Monday each week. By Thursday, everyone should respond to the prompt and then between Thursday and Sunday, everyone should respond to at least two of your classmates posts. While not graded, these discussions provide an opportunity for students to interact and discuss a variety of topics related to social psychology.

- Ask open-ended questions to promote discussion. Open-ended questions require individuals to write more than a simple one- or two-word answer. Open-ended questions require the use of critical thinking skills and allow individuals to reflect on their thoughts and feelings about a particular topic.
- Don't be afraid to disagree. It is okay to disagree with what someone has to say or play the "devil's advocate." However, when you choose to disagree, remember to do so respectfully. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion and it is okay for you to offer your own interpretation.
- Give reasons for your opinion. It is important to provide reasons for your thoughts and feelings about the topic. You may even choose to make a personal connection or share a personal experience with your classmates. Applying class information to real-world situations is a great way to demonstrate that you truly understand what you are learning.
- Think outside the box. Online discussions can get boring when everyone's posts begin to sound the same. Don't be afraid to propose a new idea or ask a probing question to generate conversation.
- Include outside resources. It is often helpful to include outside resources in your responses. Share an article or a website that is relevant to the topic of discussion. Introducing new, relevant ideas from resources, other than the provided class materials, can help take learning to the next level.

Grading

Grades will be based on the quality of work and will be assigned based on a straight percentage using the following chart:

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| 90% | - | 100% | A |
| 80% | - | 89% | B |
| 70% | - | 79% | C |
| 60% | - | 69% | D |
| 59% or below | | | F |

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SCIENTIFIC METHOD DEFINITIONS

The **METHODS OF SCIENCE** are only tools, tools that we use to obtain knowledge about phenomena.

The **SCIENTIFIC METHOD** is a set of assumptions and rules about collecting and evaluating data. The explicitly stated assumptions and rules enable a standard, systematic method of investigation that is designed to reduce bias as much as possible. Central to the scientific method is the collection of data, which allows investigators to put their ideas to an empirical test, outside of or apart from their personal biases. In essence, stripped of all its glamour, scientific inquiry is nothing more **THAN A WAY OF LIMITING FALSE CONCLUSIONS ABOUT NATURAL EVENTS**.

Knowledge of which the credibility of a profession is based must be objective and verifiable (testable) rather than subjective and untestable.

SCIENCE is a mode of controlled inquiry to develop an objective, effective, and credible way of knowing.

The assumptions one makes regarding the basic qualities of human nature (that is, cognitive, affective, behavioral, and physiological processes) affect how one conceptualizes human behavior.

The two basic functions of scientific approach are 1) advance knowledge, to make discoveries, and to learn facts in order to improve some aspect of the world, and 2) to establish relations among events, develop theories, and this helps professionals to make predictions of future events.

Research Design in Counseling

Heppner, Kivlighan, and Wampold

A **THEORY** is a large body of interconnected propositions about how some portion of the world operates; a **HYPOTHESIS** is a smaller body of propositions. **HYPOTHESES** are smaller versions of theories. Some are derived or born from theories. Others begin as researchers' hunches and develop into theories.

The **PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE** decrees we can only falsify, not verify (prove), theories because we can never be sure that any given theory provides the best explanation for a set of observations.

Research Method in Social Relations, Kidder

THEORIES are not themselves directly proved or disproved by research. Even **HYPOTHESES** cannot be proved or disproved directly. Rather, research may either support or fail to support a particular hypothesis derived from a theory.

Scientific research has four general goals: (1) to describe behavior, (2) to predict behavior, (3) to determine the causes of behavior, and (4) to understand or explain behavior.

Methods In Behavioral Research; Cozby

In order to verify the reliability and validity of scientific research it is important to replicate the results. It is the preponderance of evidence that establishes/supports the theory.

<http://allpsych.com/researchmethods/replication.html> (Links to an external site.)
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Notes:

1) The dates for assignments are not set on Canvas so you should follow the dates on the following calendar. Work for each week should be completed by Sunday night at 11:59 pm unless otherwise stated on the syllabus.

2) I suggest that for each chapter your review the PowerPoint slides (located in the "Files" folder on the left hand side of this page. then read the chapter, complete the chapter Learning Curve modules, and finally take the chapter quiz.

| Week | Topics | Reading/Assignments |
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| #1 – June 29 | The Revealing Science of Social Psychology | Chapter 1 |
| | Fundamentals of Social Behavior | Chapter 2 |
| | Participate in Discussion #1 | |
| #2 – July 6 | The Core Elements of Social Cognition | Chapter 3 |
| | Thinking About People and Events | Chapter 4 |
| | The Nature, Origins, and Functions of the Self | Chapter 5 |
| | Participate in Discussion #2 | |
| #3 – July 13 | The Key Motives | Chapter 6 |
| | Social Influence | Chapter 7 |
| | Persuasion, Attitudes, and Behavior | Chapter 8 |
| | Participate in Discussion #3 | |
| #4 – July 20 | Group Processes | Chapter 9 |
| | Understanding Prejudice, Stereotyping, and Discrimination | Chapter 10 |
| | Participate in Discussion #4 | |

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| #5 – July 27 | Responding to and Reducing Prejudice | Chapter 11 |
| | Interpersonal Aggression | Chapter 12 |
| | Prosocial Behavior | Chapter 13 |
| | Participate in Discussion #5 | |
| #6 – August 3 (complete by 8/7 Chapter 15 (complete by 8/7) | Interpersonal Attraction Close Relationships | Chapter 14 |

Submit final paper by August 7th

Dear Students,

My LaunchPad course is open for registration. When you create a LaunchPad account, you will get free access to the course for 14 days. You can purchase full access or redeem an access code once you are logged in.

You will need to use the same LaunchPad account for the duration of the course because your grades are linked to your registered email address. Please use the "Forgot Password" link on the Sign In page if you run into trouble.

To enroll, please go to <https://www.macmillanhighered.com/launchpad/greenberg2e/13702044> (Links to an external site.)

Looking forward to seeing you in class!

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For assistance, please visit: <https://macmillan.force.com/macmillanlearning>