Time: MWF 10:00-10:50

Room: Henry Hall 121

## CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY **PSY 322 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SPRING 1998**

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Texts:

Social Psychology; David Myers

Social Psychology Annual Editions 1997/1998

The scope of this course is a scientific exploration of interpersonal relations, social attitudes, group dynamics, intergroup relations, class and cultural influences, the self, and the construction of social reality.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Student will develop an understanding of the scientific method within the context of social psychology.
- 2. Student will develop an understanding of the effects of social/cognitive processes on the way individuals perceive/interact with others.
- 3. Student will develop an understanding of the construction of social reality.
- 4. Student will develop an understanding of group dynamics.
- 5. Student will develop observational skills relative to people interacting within social contexts.
- 6. Student will learn how to use the Internet to search for topics on Social Psychology.

#### REQUIREMENTS TO ASSESS OBJECTIVES

- 1. Take 2 exams.
- 2. Participate in 5 in-class groups and write reaction papers for each session. Each reaction paper will consist of a content and process section. Content section is the topic of discussion while the process section examines group dynamics, verbal behavior, nonverbal behavior, communication, motivation, attending, social loafing, groupthink, persuasion, etc.

3. Observe and write reaction papers to people interacting in 3 different settings, e.g., Ala Moana Shopping Center, beach, party, job site, classroom, home, etc. Each paper will consist of a content and process section. Reaction paper will be typed, double spaced and be 2-3 pages in length.

1st paper:

What is salient in your observation (what stands out): physical appearance,

non-verbal communication, and/or behavior?

2<sup>nd</sup> paper:

Emotional Behavior - happiness, anxiety, anger, depression, joy, etc., and

communication

3rd paper:

Group Interaction - influence of group members on other members in

group

4. Student will do one (1) Internet search, and write a 2-3 page paper from the search.

#### INTERNET SEARCH

The Internet Search will consist of the student finding one (1) article on a Social Psychology related topic and writing a 2-3 page (double-spaced) summary on the article (article must be 2-3 pages in length). The article is to be turned in with the summary. Students must go to the Computer Lab to sign up for Internet and e-mail access.

### GRADING

Exams	100 x 2	200
Group Reaction Papers	50 x 5	250
Setting Reaction Papers	100 x 3	300
Internet Search		50
	TOTAL	800

A = 720 +

B = 640 - 719

C = 560 - 639

D = 480 - 559

F = 400 or below

# Tentative Course Schedule

Week Beginning	Topic	Reading	
		<u>SP</u>	Annuals
1/12	Social Psychology as a Discipline	Ch 1	Unit 1
1/19	HOLIDAY 1/19 The Self	Ch 2	Unit 1
1/26	Social Beliefs and Judgments	Ch 3	Unit 2
2/2	Behavior and Attitudes SETTING PAPER I DUE 2/6	Ch 4	Unit 3
2/9	Cognition and Human Well Being INTERNET PAPER DUE 2/13	Ch 5	Unit 4
2/16	HOLIDAY 2/16 Gender	Ch 6	Unit 6 Unit 7
2/23	Conformity SETTING PAPER II DUE 2/23 EXAM I 2/27	Ch 7	Unit 5
3/2	Persuasion	Ch 8	Unit 5
3/9	Group Influence Groups Begin 3/13	Ch 9	Unit 10
3/16	Social Psychology in Court Groups Meet on 3/20 SETTING PAPER III DUE 3/20	Ch 10	Unit 5
3/23-27	SPRING BREAK		
3/30	Prejudice and Discrimination RESEARCH DESIGN PAPER DUE 3/31 Groups Meet 4/13	Ch 11	Unit 7
4/6	Aggression Groups Meet on 4/8 HOLIDAY 4/10	Ch 12	Unit 8

Week Beginning	<u>Topic</u>	Reading	
		SP	Annuals
4/13	Attraction and Intimacy Groups End on 4/17	Ch 13	Unit 6
4/20	Altruism GROUP REACTION PAPERS DUE 4/24	Ch 14	Unit 6
4/27	Conflict and Peacemaking	Ch 15	Unit 6,8,9
5/1	Last Day of Class		
5/7	FINAL EXAM 10:30 - 12:30		