

ISN112 Social Psychology

Unit Description

Social Psychology will develop a systematic understanding of the behaviour of individuals in social interactions within a cultural context. Students will learn to critically evaluate the many theoretical explanations of various social behaviours including: social self, social cognition, attributions, social influence and persuasion, stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination, aggression, altruism, and competition and cooperation within groups.

Required Textbooks and Readings

Kassin, Fein, Markus, McBain & Williams. (2016). Social Psychology (1st Ed.). Melbourne, Australia: Cengage

*Textbooks may be subject to change prior to the start of semester

Administrative Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level	Unit Coordinator	Other Teaching Staff
Bachelor of Psychology	One semester	Core	First year, Semester 1	TBA	TBA

Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Learning outcomes for Unit	Assessment tasks		
	Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
Acquire a systematic understanding of the behavior of individuals in social interactions within a cultural context	Exam [60 item multiple choice items and 5 short answer test items]	Year 1, semester 2, week 14	40%
Critically evaluate the many theoretical explanations of various social behaviors including: social self, social cognition, attributions, social influence and persuasion, stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination, aggression, altruism, competition and cooperation within groups	Exam – see above		
Critically review and evaluate social psychological research literature (across the four major methodologies)	Laboratory report [1500 words]	Year 1, semester 2, week 10	40%
Develop a critical view of the various research methodologies: observation, survey, field and laboratory experiments as they are applied to studying social behavior	Laboratory report – see above		

Learning outcomes for Unit	Assessment tasks		
	Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
Develop the ability to discuss and debate critical issues in the following areas of social psychology including: social self, social cognition, attributions, social influence and persuasion, stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination, aggression, altruism, competition and cooperation within groups	Tutorial activities (discussion, debates, poster and paper presentations)	Year 1, throughout semester 2	20%

Delivery mode

Face to face on site with E-learning (online) components;

Full-time or Part-time study

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Successful completion of all year 1, semester 1 units.

Other Resource and Requirements

None

Unit weighting as a percentage of the year

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
12.5	400

Student workload

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
4 (1x2 hour lecture; 1x1 hour face-face tutorial and 1x1 hour online activities)	6	10

**Unit outlines may be subject to change. The most up-to-date outlines will be provided to students once the semester commences.*