



**University of International Business and Economics
International Summer Session**

PSY 140 Social Psychology

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Class Hours: Monday through Friday, 120 minutes each day (2,400 minutes in total)

Office hours: TBD

Discussion Session: 2 hours each week

Total Contact Hours: 64 contact hours (45 minutes each, 48 hours in total)

Location: WEB

Credit: 4 units

Course Description:

This is an introductory course of social psychology. The goal of this course is to help students develop an understanding of individuals and social world, including yourself and the social context. The course explains how a variety of social contexts (such as individuals, groups and cultural contexts) can shape personal thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. Meanwhile, it also touches on how individual thoughts, feelings and behaviors interact with social contexts and how individual perceptions of social world are developed.

Course Goals:

By taking this course students will:

1. Be familiar with social psychology issues and concepts;
2. Understand the major social psychological theories guiding social psychological research;
3. Be clear how social psychological methods and theories answer questions in social psychological fields;
4. Be able to use methodological strategies to conduct social psychology research;
5. Be able to write a social psychology paper;
6. Create critical thinking skills in research, methods and social problems.

Required Text:

Branscombe, N. R. & Baron, R.A. (2016). Social Psychology (14th ed.). Publisher: Pearson. ISBN: 978-0134410968

Lecture Materials:

Power Point slide presentations will be used to facilitate students' learning. Lectures will highlight key concepts and terms in the chapters to help students to narrow down the course materials.

Assessment of Performance:

There will be five exams throughout the semester which will cover material from lecture slides and the textbook. Exams will be in an essay format. The exams will be open book exams. Once it opens, an exam will be available for the entire day. Once the deadline to complete an exam has passed, you will no longer be able to take the exam. **Exams are timed. You must complete the exam once you start it; you will not be able to re-take an exam.** No plagiarism or cheating will be tolerated. **DO NOT DIRECTLY COPY MATERIALS FROM MY POWERPOINT SLIDES. PLEASE USE YOUR OWN WORDS.** This means you will not submit someone else's work as your own, copy someone else's work, or cheat in any other way. When you draw on others' work, you must cite that work properly.

Grading Policy:

Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Exam 3	20%
Exam 4	20%
Final Exam	20%

Grading Scale:

Assignments and examinations will be graded according to the following grade scale:

A	90-100	C+	72-74
A-	85-89	C	68-71
B+	82-84	C-	64-67
B	78-81	D	60-63
B-	75-77	F	below 60

Academic Integrity:

Students are responsible for knowing policy regarding academic honesty. The University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) expects students to be honest in their academic work. Academic dishonesty is viewed as a serious violation of university rules and such misconduct is not accepted by academic community. In particular, students must refrain from plagiarism, cheating and collusion in connection with examinations, submitting substantially the same piece of work to different classes and must fully acknowledge all the sources of ideas and

all assistance received in work submitted to the instructor for evaluation. Violation of the rules of academic honesty may lead to suspension or disqualification of the student from further.

Course Schedules:

Date	Lecture	Readings
Day 1	1. Course introduction; 2. Introduction of social psychology	Chapter 1
Day 2	Social Cognition	Chapter 2
Day 3	Data collection and analysis	Chapter 1, 2
Day 4	Exam I	Exam day, no readings
Day 5	Social Perception	Chapter 3
Day 6	The Self	Chapter 4
Day 7	How to run an experiment	Chapter 3, 4
Day 8	Exam 2	Exam day, no readings
Day 9	Attitudes	Chapter 5
Day 10	Stereotyping and Prejudice	Chapter 6
Day 11	Exam 3	Exam day, no readings
Day 12	How to write a results section	Supplementary readings
Day 13	Close relationships	Chapter 7
Day 14	Social influence	Chapter 8
Day 15	How to write an abstract and reference section	Chapter 8 & Supplementary readings
Day 16	Exam 4	Exam day, no readings
Day 17	Personal behaviors	Chapter 9
Day 18	Aggression	Chapter 10
Day 19	How to write and present a paper	Chapter 10 & Supplementary readings
Day 20	Final Exam	Exam day, no readings