



BAKER COLLEGE
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

PSY4010 Social Psychology
3 Semester Credit Hours

Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives

1. Examine the field of social psychology. (APA 1.2A)
 - a. Differentiate social psychology from other fields and disciplines. (APA 1.2A)
 - b. Discuss how the individual interacts within the social environment. (APA 3.2c)
 - c. Explore common research methods used in social psychology. (APA 2.4a)
 - d. Compare traditional social psychological theories to contemporary theories. (APA 1.2c)
2. Explore the major principles of social cognition. (APA 1.2a)
 - a. Examine theories of self-concept and how self-concept can affect thoughts, behaviors and attitudes. (APA 1.2d)
 - b. Discuss the development and maintenance of schemas. (APA 1.1a)
3. Analyze theories of attraction and relationships. (APA 1.1A; 2.1A)
 - a. Explore key theories of interpersonal attraction.
 - b. Examine relationship development.
4. Evaluate the development of attitudes and beliefs and how they affect thoughts and behavior. (APA 1.3d; 2.1C; 3.3a)
 - a. Explain the development and change of attitudes.
 - b. Analyze the development and consequences of stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination. (APA 3.2C; 3.3a;)
 - c. Examine prosocial behavior, such as altruism, cooperation, and fairness. (APA 3.3c)
 - d. Examine aggression and conflict. (APA 2.1a)
 - e. Explore the role of morality as it relates to thoughts and behaviors. (APA 2.1a)
5. Evaluate different processes of social influence and how they affect the behavior of individuals and groups. (APA 2.1C)

- a. Examine key terms and concepts related to conformity, compliance, and obedience. (APA 1.2a; 2.1a)
 - b. Discuss landmark studies related to conformity, compliance, and obedience. (APA 1.2c)
 - c. Explore how persuasion influences decision making and behavior. (APA 1.2a; 2.1a)
6. Explore group dynamics and how group processes influence collective behavior and group decisions. (APA 2.1a)
- a. Explore group processes and how individuals work together.
 - b. Discuss social categorization (outgroups, ingroups).
 - c. Examine social roles and how social roles can affect thoughts, behaviors and attitudes.
 - d. Explore groupthink and possible consequences of groupthink.

Note: Each SLO/EO is aligned to the American Psychological Association (APA) guidelines for undergraduate learning outcomes.

Big Ideas and Essential Questions

Big Ideas

- Discipline of Social Psychology
- Interpersonal Relationships
- Social Influence
- Social Cognition
- Attitudes
- Groups

Essential Questions

1. Why is it important to study and understand human interpersonal relationships?
2. How is the discipline of Social Psychology similar to and different from other disciplines in psychology?
3. How do attitudes develop, change, and resist change?
4. How do the concepts of social influence, obedience, conformity and compliance manifest in today's world?
5. How does attraction to others develop?
6. How does social cognition affect behavior?
7. How do various factors influence aggression and helping behaviors?

These SLOs are not approved for experiential credit.

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