

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY I– Code: 800150

Academic Year 2016-17

COURSE INFORMATION

Undergraduate Studies: 0812 – Degree in Psychology (Studies Plan 2009-10)

Type: Compulsory

ECTS: 6.0

Module: Compulsory psychological training

Area: Social bases of behaviour

Year: First

Semester: 1

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SYNOPSIS

COMPETENCIES

General competencies

GC2: Know and understand the basic laws of the different psychological processes.

GC5: Know and understand the main psychosocial principles of the functioning of groups and organizations.

GC6: Know and understand research methods and data analysis techniques.

GC9: Identify the relevant characteristics of individual behaviour.

GC11: Select and manage specific psychology techniques and instruments.

GC14: Prepare oral and written psychological reports in different areas of activity.

GC1: Know and understand the functions, characteristics and limitations of the different theoretical models in psychology.

Transversal competencies

TC1: Analysis and synthesis.

TC2: Preparation and defence of properly reasoned arguments.

Specific competencies

SC7: Know how to describe and measure processes of interaction, group dynamics and group and inter-group structure.

SC8: Be able to identify group and inter-group problems and needs.

SC9: Know how to describe and measure processes of organizational and inter-organizational interaction, dynamics and structure.

SC10: Know how to analyse the context in which individual behaviours and group and organizational processes take place..

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

ECTS BREAK-DOWN

TEACHING ACTIVITIES	Hours	% of total credits	Attendance
Class sessions	45	30.0%	100%
Tutorials	5	3.3 %	50%
Students' work (class assignments and time of study)	95	63.3%	0%
Assessment activities	5	3.3%	100%

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Classes will be focused on teaching the content of the program and performing practical exercises. Classes will be a mixture of theory and practical work. English will be the only language used for lectures, homework, exercises and projects. Students will be encouraged to participate during each class, especially through the written practice exercises provided along the course.

PRE-REQUISITES

B2 English level

OBJECTIVES

To offer students an updated range of social and group psychology information to complement those concepts studied in Social Psychology I.

TOPICS

1. Aggression
2. Social Influence
3. Social groups: definition and types
4. Group processes: formation and cohesion
5. Group context
6. Group structure
7. Group processes: performance
8. Group processes: decision-making
9. Intergroup relationships
10. Prejudices
11. Collective behavior
12. Mass Media

ASSESSMENT

Assessment involves in-depth study, in small teams, of the content of the aforementioned textbooks.

Each topic will be studied as follows:

1. Teacher introduction
2. Practical class, involving illustration of the topic through written or audiovisual material
3. Group task, linking theoretical content and practical examples
4. Individual examination on theoretical content

In order to pass EACH topic, all the previous activities are required (PRACTICAL CLASS+GROUP TASK+INDIVIDUAL EXAM). Attendance is therefore compulsory in ALL classes.

Group task will have one or several open questions about the practical exercise seen in class. Any material may be used to answer, with the response collected at the end of the class.

The individual exam has 10 true/false questions. The final score is calculated by adding the correct minus incorrect answers. During the test, extraneous material (texts, notes, etc) is not allowed.

Evaluation is continuous, with certain requirements to pass the subject:

1. For completion of the individual exams and the group tasks it is necessary to study the corresponding topic before the class.
2. Analyse the material presented in class (video, newspaper, etc.)
3. Pass ALL topics. 5 is the minimum score, but compensation is possible for scores of 4.

The final score for each topic is an average of the individual exam score and the group task score. The score for both parts must be 5 or above (from 4 an average is obtained in order to compensate). Students that have passed all topics do not need to take the final examination. An average of below 5 means the topic is not passed and the part failed (task and/or exam) must be repeated in the final exam in June.

In September, the final score is the score achieved in the test, without taking into account group task scores.

Retakes are in June and September only, and never during the course.

The final score is the average of the scores for all topics (if passed).

SUMMARY:

1. Each topic is independent and has its own score, formed by task group score + individual test score.

2. If all topics are passed, the final score is the average of the twelve topic scores.

3. If some of them are failed, there is a retake. The student must take an examination on the failed topics and/or group task in the final examination.

RESOURCES

Textbooks

BARON, R.A. and BYRNE, D. (2004). *Social Psychology* (10 ed). Pearson, Prentice-Hall, USA.

FORSYTH, D.R. (2010). *Group dynamics*. Wadsworth, USA.

HOGG, M. A. and VAUGHAN, G. M. (2005) *Social Psychology*. England: Pearson.

WORCHEL, S. (2000) *Social Psychology*. USA: Wadsworth.

Basic references

Supplementary references

Other resources

