Nashville State Community College  
Social and Life Sciences  
Social Psychology  
2018 Master Course Syllabus  
PSYC 2120

Course Information
Course Title: Social Psychology  
Credits: 3  
Class Hours: MW 11:10-12:35

Course Description:
A study of the individual in society. Topics include social behavior, socialization, perception, interaction, ethnicity and prejudice, effects of media and mass communication, attitude formation, altruism, and aggression. The methodologies of social psychology are also studied.  
Prerequisite(s): Level 2 placement in English and Reading.  
Note: PSYC 2120 meets the requirement for a Social Science elective.

Instructor Information:
Name:  
Email:  
Office Phone:  
Office Location:  
Office Hours: See door schedule in NS Online Shell

Required Textbook(s) & Other Materials:
Textbook(s): Social Psychology 9th Edition  
ISBN: 978-0133936544  
Reference Materials: N/A  
Supplies: N/A

Once enrolled, all students should verify that they have the correct textbook and materials information by consulting the D2L/NS Online shell for the course. If you are registered with the Access Center and require an alternate format for the textbook and other course materials, please contact the Access Center at 615-353-3721, 615-353-3741, or accesscenter@nscc.edu.

Course Outcomes:
- Know how society and social interaction affect individual development and behavior by reviewing the history and general orientations within the field.
Know how the scientific method is used in the field by studying specific research projects and evaluating the findings.
Know how the presence of others affects human behavior and an individual’s self-concept by studying the dynamics of socialization, conformity, group dynamics, gender relations, obedience to authority, prejudice, and/or the media.

Course Competencies:
- Explain the dynamic interaction between policies and the social and behavioral sciences
- Identify the effects of social, psychological, and behavioral factors on individuals and the population
- Analyze social groups from multiple levels
- Construct research hypotheses and design a study to test these hypotheses
- Apply social, psychological and behavioral theory in the design, implementation, and evaluation of social cognition, group behavior, and social influence
- Demonstrate oral and written communication and presentation skills
- Apply ethical principles involved in social and behavioral sciences as they relate to public attitudes and prosocial behavior

Topics to Be Covered:
- Social Cognition
- Attitudes and Attitude Change
- Violence and Aggression
- Prosocial Behavior
- Prejudice and Discrimination
- Self and Social Identity
- Group Behavior
- Social Influence

Course Assessments:
Performance assessments will be used to demonstrate students’ understanding, knowledge, and skills on content covered in the class.

Grading Policy:
The grading policy which includes exams, quizzes, and assignments are at the discretion of the instructor. In the case of emergencies or extreme circumstances, please contact the instructor immediately. Contact with the instructor must be made before the scheduled assessment date. Documentation will be required.
Late Work Policy & Make-up Procedures for Missed Assignments and Work:

**Quizzes:** At the discretion of the instructor.

**Email Responses:** The instructor will respond to student emails within 48-hours during the weekdays and 72 hours on the weekends. Typically, the instructor responds within a few hours, but no later than the specified hours.

**Exams:** No exams may be taken after the deadline date. If extraordinary circumstances exist, you must contact the professor immediately. Written documentation will be required.

**Assignments:** Acceptance of late submissions are at the discretion of the instructor.

**Attendance Policy**
A student is expected to attend all scheduled classes. Absences in a course may affect a students’ final grade. The student is responsible for all assigned work in the course regardless of excused or unexcused absences. Tardiness may also affect a student’s final grade. Attendance is mandatory.

Per Tennessee Board of Regents policy, a student who does not officially drop or withdraw from a course, but receives a failing grade, will receive an “FA” if the last date of attendance was earlier than two thirds in the part-of-term. That date equates to the last day to withdraw from the course.

The instructor’s grade book will serve as the official record for attendance and grades.

**Grading Scale:**
The grading scale will be used to determine students’ performance in the class.

**Technology Statement**
Nashville State's classes are considered to be web-enhanced. Faculty have an expectation that students will use a computer and the Internet to complete assignments, engage in online discussions, and access various course materials through D2L/NS Online course shells. Computers are available for student use at each campus during campus open hours.

**D2L/NS Online and myNSCC**
It is students’ responsibility to check D2L/NS Online course shells for all enrolled courses and myNSCC, including student email, on a regular basis. These are the official communication channels between the college and students, who are responsible for the information communicated through those channels. D2L/NS Online contains specific course information and myNSCC contains information important for other purposes.
ADA Compliance Statement
Nashville State complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you require accommodations for any courses in which you are enrolled, contact the Access Center at 615.353.3741 or 615.353.3721, or e-mail accesscenter@nscc.edu. If you are registered with the Access Center and require an alternate format for the textbook and other course materials, please contact the Access Center.

Classroom Misconduct
Nashville State Community College has a zero-tolerance policy for disruptive conduct in the classroom. Students whose behavior disrupts the classroom will be subject to disciplinary measures. Please review the Nashville State Student Code of Conduct policy. Please be aware that children are not allowed in class or to be left unattended on campus.

Academic Misconduct
Any form of academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarizing, or other academic misconduct is prohibited. Students are responsible for understanding and abiding by the Academic Misconduct Policy in the Nashville State Student Code of Conduct. In addition to other possible disciplinary measures that may be applied through regular college procedures as a result of academic dishonesty, the instructor has the authority to assign an “F” or a “zero” for the exercise, paper, or examination, or to assign an “F” for the course. Students may appeal through the appropriate college grade appeal procedures.

Academic Early Alert System
Nashville State Community College uses an Early Alert System to let students know of a faculty member’s concern in one or more of these academic areas: lack of attendance, lack of classroom participation, late or missing assignments, and/or poor performance on assignments/tests. *Please note that Early Alerts do not affect a student’s academic standing. If you receive an Early Alert email, please see your instructor and your academic advisor as soon as possible.

RAVE Emergency Alert System
Emergency events can happen at any time and Nashville State Community College wants to be able notify students if and when they occur. For this reason, all students have been enrolled in the free RAVE alert system. If you have not already done so, please log in at https://www.getrave.com/login/nscc to confirm and update your contact information and notification preferences. It is critical that your information be correct so that you will receive any emergency notifications. Your RAVE Username is your NSCC email address. If you've never received an email from RAVE with your
password, or if you need to reset your password, select “Forgot your password?” and a new password will be emailed to you. Should the RAVE system indicate “user not found”, select Register and create your own RAVE account.

Inclement Weather & Campus Closings
Nashville State will use the RAVE alert system to send a text message to students, staff, and faculty about adjusted hours of operation and/or closings at individual campuses. All students should check the Nashville State web site home page at www.nscc.edu for announcements on campus closures, which may vary from campus to campus. Campus closures will also be announced on local television stations. Students should use their own best judgment in determining whether to report to campus during inclement weather when classes are not cancelled.

Even when campuses are closed, students are still responsible for completing all assigned work. When classes are cancelled, faculty will post online assignments and any additional instructions in the D2L/NS Online course shell. Check D2L/NS Online for a message from your instructor regarding your online assignment requirements. Faculty have discretion over adjusting deadlines or due date for assignments, but students are responsible for completing all assigned work by the due date established by the instructor.

Class Cancellation Policy
If the class is cancelled, the instructor will notify all students by posting in the D2L/NS Online course, e-mailing through D2L/NS Online, and/or by posting a sign on the classroom door. In the event of class cancellation, students must access D2L/NS Online to complete classwork and the assignment that will be posted in the course D2L site.