



# UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus  
Social Psychology  
Spring 2011

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| <b>Course Code</b><br>PSY-210                         | <b>Course Title</b><br>Social Psychology | <b>Credits (ECTS)</b><br>6                |
| <b>Department</b><br>Social Sciences                  | <b>Semester</b><br>Spring                | <b>Prerequisites</b><br>Psy-110           |
| <b>Type of Course</b><br>Psychology<br>Core/Required  | <b>Field</b><br>Psychology               | <b>Language of Instruction</b><br>English |
| <b>Level of Course</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle       | <b>Year of Study</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup>  | <b>Lecturer</b><br>Dr Maria Georgiou      |
| <b>Mode of Delivery</b><br>Face-to-face               | <b>Work Placement</b><br>N/A             | <b>Co-requisites</b><br>None              |
| <b>Recommended Optional Programme Components: N/A</b> |  |   |

## Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

1. develop an understanding of social psychology, that is the scientific study of how people affect and are affected by others.
2. become familiar with all major social psychology studies that help to understand how people affect and are affected by others.
3. become familiar with the positive side of human nature.

**Learning Outcomes:**

After completion of the course students are expected to:

1. develop an understanding of the history of social psychology
2. develop an understanding of how culture and groups affect behavior
3. be able to think critically about questions raised by social psychology
4. be able to understand the idea of the human being as a “cultural animal”
5. be knowledgeable on the different studies that took place to study how humans are affected by others.
6. understand the inner processes that serve interpersonal functions
7. gain an understanding of the diverse field of social psychology
8. know about the tradeoffs in which gain comes with a loss
10. understand the positive view of human nature

**Course Contents:**

1. Introduction to Social Psychology
2. Culture and Nature
3. The Self
4. Choices and Actions
5. Attitudes and Beliefs
6. Social Influence
7. Helping Behavior
8. Aggression
9. Attraction
10. Close relationships
11. Prejudice
12. Groups

**Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, Discussion

**Assessment Methods:**

Mid-Term, Research Paper, Attendance and Participation, Final Exam

**Required Textbooks:**

| Authors   | Title             | Publisher | Year | ISBN                |
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| Lippa, R. | Social Psychology | EAAHN     | 2003 | ISBN: 960-286-745-0 |