

Social Psychology

E-216-FESA



Year	1
Semester	Fall
Type of course	Core
Prerequisites	None
Schedule	3 hours per week for 15 weeks, 6 ECTS
Lecturer	Heiðdís Valdimarsdóttir
Content	
<p>This course provides a basic introduction to social psychology. The focus is on how individuals influence one another's behaviour, beliefs, emotions, and attitudes. Issues and questions reviewed include: Why do individuals sometimes help and at other times harm others; why do individuals sometimes agree with decisions even when they think that the decisions are unethical; under what circumstances do individuals behave in ways that are atypical of their usual behaviour?</p>	
Learning outcome - On completing the course, each student should be able to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the main models and theories used to explain key construct in social psychology. • Clarify the scientific nature of the field of social psychology. • Demonstrate the powerful influence of the social environment on thoughts, feelings, and behaviours. • Evaluate critically research methods and findings in social psychology. • Apply social constructs to everyday life including politics, media and their own life experiences. 	
Course assessment	
<p>In class exams, class group discussions and final exam. Grades are given on a 0 – 10 point scale. The minimum grade to pass the course is 5.0. The student needs to get a minimum grade of 5.0 in the final exam and a minimum average grade of 5.0 for all course assessment.</p>	
Reading material	
<p>Aronson, E., Wilson, T. D. and Akert, R. M. (2010). <i>Social Psychology</i> (7. ed). New York: Prentice Hall.</p> <p>Holt, N., Bremner, A., Sutherland, E., Vliek, M., Passer, M., and Smith, R. (2012). <i>Psychology: The Science of Mind and Behavior</i> (2. ed). Berkshire: McGraw-Hill Education.</p>	
Teaching and learning activities	
<p>Lectures, in class exercises and discussions.</p>	
Language of instruction	English