

COURSE TITLE	PSYCHOLOGY V: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
COURSE CODE	10BH1501
COURSE CREDITS	3

Objective:

- 1 To develop an understanding of the individual in relation to the social world.
- 2 To introduce students to the realm of social influence, as to how individuals think, feel, and behave in social situations.
- 3 To make students understand the individuals and groups in respect to patterns of social behaviour and attitudes
- 4 To help students gain insight into the dynamics of intergroup relationships, conflict, prejudice and cooperation

Course Outcomes: After completion of this course, student will be able to:

- 1 To know the scope of studying social psychology and the methods to gather data in the social context to explain them
- 2 To understand the significance of social cognition, attitudes, stereotypes and prejudices in explaining human behaviour in the social contexts.
- 3 To understand the significant aspects of group behaviour and social influence that constitute the core of human relationships.

Pre-requisite of course:None

Teaching and Examination Scheme

Theory Hours	Tutorial Hours	Practical Hours	ESE	IA	CSE	Viva	Term Work
2	1	0	50	30	20	0	0

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Introduction to Social Psychology Social Psychology: A Working Definition, History of Social Psychology, Research methods in Social Psychology, Recent trends and advancements in Social Psychology, Introduction to forensic and clinical applications of Social Psychology	5
2	Understanding and Evaluating the Social World Social Cognition and Social Perceptions – Social Comparison Theory, Attitudes, Attitude-behaviour link, Cognitive Dissonance, Theories of Attitude Change, Persuasion and Attitude Change – Petty and Cacioppo's Elaboration Likelihood Model	7

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
3	Social Interaction and Influence Interpersonal attraction – Zajonc’s Mere Exposure effect, etc, Pro-Social Behaviour v/s Altruism, Darlene and Latane’s Decision Stage Model of Helping. Empathy Altruism, Empathy Joy hypothesis, Negative State Relief Model, Aggression, Theories of Aggression, Social Influence: Compliance, Conformity, Obedience, Prevention of attitude change	8
4	Group Dynamics and Inter-group Relations Nature of groups – Group Tasks and Social loafing, Consequences of belonging to a group - performance, decision making (groupthink), cooperation and conflict, Nature of intergroup relations - inter-group conflict, intervention techniques, Stereotypes, Prejudice, Discrimination, Tajfel and Turner’s Social Identity Theory, Muzafer Sherif’s Realistic Group Conflict Theory, Theories of Leadership	10
Total Hours		30

Suggested List of Experiments:

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Issues Related to Social Psychology Issues Related to Social Psychology	15
Total Hours		15

Textbook :

- 1 Social Psychology (15th global ed.). , Branscombe, N. R., & Baron, R. A. , Pearson Education., 2023

References:

- 1 Introduction to Psychology (8th Revised ed.), Introduction to Psychology (8th Revised ed.), Morgan, C. T., King, R. A., Weisz, J. R., & Schopler, J., MedTech Science Press, 2024
- 2 Psychology (7th ed., South Asian Edition), Psychology (7th ed., South Asian Edition), Baron, R. A., & Misra, G., Pearson Education, 2016
- 3 The Psychological Realm: An Introduction (2nd ed.), The Psychological Realm: An Introduction (2nd ed.), Chadha, N. K., & Seth, S., Pinnacle Learning, 2021

Suggested Theory Distribution:

The suggested theory distribution as per Bloom’s taxonomy is as follows. This distribution serves as guidelines for teachers and students to achieve effective teaching-learning process

Distribution of Theory for course delivery

Remember / Knowledge	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Higher order Thinking / Creative
10.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	15.00