

BEHV 3023 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101683

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Description Social psychology is the study of human behaviour and mental processes in their social context. Social psychology examines social behaviour and social thinking using scientific psychological research methods. This subject considers both classic and recent theories, research and applications in core areas of social psychology such as: attitudes, stereotyping and prejudice, social cognition, group processes, cross-cultural and Indigenous Australian psychology, and social influence. Emphasis is placed upon the role of contemporary research and theory in increasing our understanding of social phenomena and the relevance of this to everyday life.

School Psychology

Discipline Behavioural Science

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Pre-requisite(s) MATH 2006

Equivalent Subjects BEHV 2013 - Social and Developmental Psychology

Restrictions

Note that only students enrolled at WSU Online may register in the WSU Online subjects offered at that location.

The online version of this subject is only available to students enrolled in 1793 Bachelor of Science, Criminology and Psychological Studies.

Assumed Knowledge

Basic understanding of core concepts of personality, social and developmental psychology.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Display knowledge of contemporary theories and methodologies used in the study of social cognition and social behaviour, and explain a broad range of psychological research studies relevant to social behaviour and cognition.
2. Evaluate social psychology theories from cross-cultural and Indigenous Australian perspectives.
3. Apply knowledge of psychological principles and research methodologies to the study of social behaviour and cognition.
4. Critically evaluate empirical studies and theoretical positions in social psychology.
5. Communicate the results and methods of social psychological research using APA structure and formatting conventions.
6. Apply social psychological concepts to real-life events.

Subject Content

Introduction to Social Psychology

Social cognition

Perceiving others

The Self

Attitudes and Attitude Change

Persuasion and Social Influence

Stereotypes, Prejudice, and Discrimination

Intergroup Relations

Aggression

Prosocial Behaviour Lecturer

Interpersonal Attraction and Close Relationships

Cross-cultural and Indigenous Australian Psychology

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Quiz	5 minutes	10	N	Individual	N
Quiz	60 minutes total (3 x 20 minutes)	15	N	Individual	N
Proposal	800 words	10	N	Individual	N
Proposal	2,000 words	40	N	Individual	N
Final Exam	90 minutes	25	N	Individual	N

WSU Online Trimesters

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Quiz	1 hour	15	N	Individual	N
Proposal	800 words	10	N	Individual	N
Report	2,000 words	40	N	Individual	N
Final Exam	1.5 hours	25	N	Individual	N
Quiz	N/A	10	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- Vaughan, G., & Hogg, M. (2018). Introduction to social psychology (8th ed.). Frenchs Forest, NSW: Pearson Education Australia.

Teaching Periods

WSU Online TRI-2 (2025)

Wsu Online

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View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=BEHV3023_25-OT2_OW_2#subjects)

Spring (2025)

Bankstown City

On-site

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Penrith (Kingswood)

On-site

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Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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