



SOC 333
Social Psychology
Summer I 2023

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Preferred Form of Communication: Email

Communication Response Time: Within 24 hours

COURSE INFORMATION

Required Text

Social Psychology: Sociological Perspectives (3rd edition) by David E. Rohall, Melissa Milkie, and Jeffrey Lucas

Course Description

The study of the importance of others' influence on one's attitudes, perceptions, motivations, and behavior, the dynamic fragility and power of group participation, and the extent to which human potential is enhanced or severely limited in the context of group life.

Student Learning Outcomes

After completing this class, you will be able to...

- Explain the sociological perspective on social psychology
- Describe and assess the basic social psychological theories, principles, and concepts explaining social cognition, attitude formation, decision making, group processes, pro-social behavior, aggression, conformity/obedience, and stereotyping/prejudice

- Relate knowledge of theory as well as current and past research in social psychology to situations in everyday life such as interpersonal and group relations

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

You must be able to access a computer with Microsoft Word and use D2L.

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A=90-100%

B=80-89%

C=70-79%

D=60-69%

F=59% or below

Assessments

- **Quizzes-** There will be one quiz per week over all of the material for that week worth 10 points each. Total of 50 points.
- **Discussion Posts-** There will be one discussion post per module (so two per week except for week 5), worth 5 points each. Total of 45 points.
- **Final Exam-** The final exam will be a mix of multiple choice and short answer, worth 30 points.

Grades are out 125 total points

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All courses offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements:

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903-468-6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and Internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all coursework in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulties with any part of D2L, please contact Brightspace (D2L) Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found at <http://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>.

Interaction with Instructor Statement

I am available through email during business hours and in my office during office hours. Please feel free to come by office hours at any time. If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please reach out to me!

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Policies

- This is a 5-week intensive course, which means that it is very easy for you to fall behind. Because of this, it is particularly important to turn work in on time. As such, **I will not accept late work in this course.**
- I take plagiarism and academic dishonesty very seriously. The first instance of academic dishonesty will result in a zero on the particular quiz/discussion post, the second instance will result in an F in the course.
- If you experience a death in the family, serious illness, or other life trauma, please speak to me and I will work with you.
- We will be discussing sensitive topics in this course. All students must behave respectfully toward everyone in this class and avoid offensive language and personal insults. I will not tolerate any kind of harassment in this class, and offensive posts or comments will be removed from the discussion board.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for me to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook:

http://www.tamuc.edu/student_guidebook/Student_Guidebook.pdf?_ga=2.174666466.139137986.1597081037-785048279.1537547496

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy, please visit the [Attendance webpage and Procedure 13.99.99R0.01](#)

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty, see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

[Graduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

Students with Disabilities- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protections for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, or veteran status. Further, and environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill- 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus](#) document.

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

COURSE CALENDAR

Week 1

- Module 1: Introduction to Sociological Social Psychology
 - Read: Chapter 1
 - Due Wednesday @ 11:59pm: Discussion #1
- Module 2: Perspectives in Sociological Social Psychology
 - Read: Chapter 2
 - Due Friday @ 11:59pm: Discussion #2
- Quiz #1 due Saturday @ 11:59pm

Week 2

- Module 3: The Social Psychology of Stratification
 - Read: Chapter 4
 - Due Wednesday @ 11:59pm: Discussion #3
- Module 4: Self and Identity
 - Read: Chapter 5
 - Due Friday @ 11:59pm: Discussion #4
- Quiz #2 due Saturday @ 11:59pm

Week 3

- Module 5: Socialization over the Life Course
 - Read: Chapter 6
 - Due Wednesday @ 11:59pm: Discussion #5
- Module 6: The Social Psychology of Deviance
 - Read: Chapter 7
 - Due Friday @ 11:59pm: Discussion #6
- Quiz #3 due Saturday @ 11:59pm

Week 4

- Module 7: Mental Health and Illness
 - Read: Chapter 8
 - Due Wednesday @ 11:59pm: Discussion #7
- Module 8: Social Attitudes
 - Read: Chapter 9
 - Due Friday @ 11:59pm: Discussion #8
- Quiz #4 due Saturday @ 11:59pm

Week 5

- Module 9: Collective Behavior
 - Read: Chapter 11
 - Due Wednesday @ 11:59pm
- Final Exam due Thursday @ 11:59pm