



## **SOC 333: Social Psychology**

Summer I 2024

### **INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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Communication Response Time: Within 24 hours

### **COURSE INFORMATION**

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

All required readings are posted on D2L.

### **Course Description**

In this class, you will learn about social behavior. Specifically, we will cover socialization and the development of the social self, how society shapes our attitudes and biases, how other people influence us, and group dynamics.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this semester, you should be able to...

1. Explain what sociological social psychology is
2. Describe and assess basic social psychological theories, principles, and concepts explaining social cognition, attitude formation, decision making, conformity, and group processes
3. Apply social psychological theories and concepts to the real world

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# COURSE REQUIREMENTS

## Minimal Technical Skills Needed

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

## Instructional Methods

In-person with some online components

## Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

## 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

- **Discussion Posts-** There will be one discussion post per module, worth 5 points each. In order to receive full credit, you must (1) fully address the question, (2) demonstrate that you read and understood the material in that module (for instance, by correctly utilizing terminology, directly referencing or quoting readings, etc. when meaningful), and (3) post a substantive reply to another student's post.
- **Quizzes-** There will be one quiz per week over all of the material for that week (with the exception of week 5) worth 10 points each.
- **Mini Video Project-** For this project, you will create a 1 minute short video (like an Instagram reel) explaining one of the terms or concepts from this class (a list of potential topics can be found on D2L). This should be an information dense video—the purpose is to convey accurate information in an accessible and engaging way. Worth 10 points.

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# TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

## LMS

All course sections 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](https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm)

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

[https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom\\_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu](https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu)

## 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](mailto:helpdesk@tamuc.edu).

**Note:** Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work 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

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

### Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

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## **Interaction with Instructor Statement**

I am available through email during business hours. You can also drop into my Zoom office hours or, if you are local, my in-person office hours.

## **COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES**

### **Course Specific Procedures/Policies**

#### **Respect**

We will be covering sensitive topics this semester related to race and racism. Please be respectful of your fellow students. Use of racial slurs and personal attacks toward other students will not be tolerated in this class and you will be asked to leave and I will contact the Dean of Students.

#### **Use of Generative AI**

Use of generative AI, including chatgpt, is prohibited in this class and its use will be considered an instance of academic dishonesty. Your discussion posts and assignments should all be your own work and reflect your thoughts and understanding of the material.

#### **Late Work**

Due to the short summer session, it is not possible for me to accept any late work in this class. If you experience extenuating circumstances (death in the family, hospitalization, major illness, etc.) during the summer session, please reach out to me and we can discuss your options.

### **Syllabus Change Policy**

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor 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/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx).  
<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

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Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

### **TAMUC Attendance**

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

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

### **Academic Integrity**

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

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

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyFormold.pdf>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

### **Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection 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

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

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

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: [studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu)

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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, an 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 34.06.02.R1, 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 and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

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](http://www.tamuc.edu/counsel)

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## COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDER

Week	Topic	Required Readings	Due
1	Introduction to Social Psychology	Introduction to Social Psychology, syllabus	Discussion #1
	Socialization	Socialization through the Life Course, "Becoming a Marihuana User"	Discussion #2, Quiz #1
2	The Social Self	Self and Self-Presentation, "The Presentation of Self in the Age of Social Media: Distinguishing Performances and Exhibitions Online"	Discussion #3
	Social Perception & Cognition	Social Perception & Cognition	Discussion #4, Quiz #2
3	Attitudes	Attitudes, "The Impact of Implicit Bias Oriented Diversity Training on Police Officers' Beliefs, Motivations, and Actions"	Discussion #5
	Social Influence & Persuasion	Social Influence & Persuasion	Discussion #6, Quiz #3
4	Understanding Groups	Understanding Groups	Discussion #7
	Group Processes	Group Processes, "Organizational Behavior and Disaster"	Discussion #8, Quiz #4
5	Collective Behavior	Collective Behavior and Social Movements	Discussion #9, Mini Video Project

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