

**Hagerstown Community College**  
**MASTER SYLLABUS**

**COURSE:** PSY 216-01: Social Psychology (M/W 11:30 – 12:15)    STEM-405    3 credits

**INSTRUCTOR:** Erick R Williams, M.A., M.S

**DATE:**    **Spring 2017**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course surveys and analyzes the social and interpersonal factors influencing individual behavior. Theories and research on topics of aggression, attraction, attribution, conformity, attitudes, interpersonal relations, social roles, person perception, and group dynamics receive special attention. This course will also help students learn important concepts that will transcend the perimeters of the classroom into everyday applications for living.

**TEXTBOOK:** Aronson, (2013). *Social Psychology, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition*, Pearson.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Identify and understand the issues of universality vs. cultural relativity of social psychological principles;
2. Learn about scientific terms, methods, and measures associated with social psychological principles and research;
3. Experientially as well as academically learn about one's self and others through social cognitions and how gender and culture affect these perceptions;
4. Be able to socially relate to others and self through a better understanding of emotions, communications and cultural variations;
5. Be able to relate learned material from class into practical applications for living;
6. Be able to identify various theorists and theories that helped to shape social psychology and current research directions;
7. To be able to predict and identify both appropriate and inappropriate behaviors of others based on individual, group, and cultural norms by studying attitudes, perceptions, stereotypes and internal, external, and group influences;
8. To learn about attraction from internal and culturally external influences and how to better communicate with others so that better relationships can be established;
9. To learn about social behaviors of helping and its antithesis of aggression and antisocial and criminal behaviors;
10. To learn about the concepts of prejudice in the realms of race, religions, age, gender, body frame, etc.
11. To learn to think critically, analytically, and compassionately about various social psychological concepts and to grow emotionally, cognitively, and behaviorally.

**MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE:**

	<b>DIRECT Faculty Instruction In-class 37.5 h required</b>	<b>Student Work Out of Classroom 75 h required</b>
In-class "lecture"	37.5 h	
Reading chapters		15 h
Quiz/activity for each chapter	Included in lecture time	10 h prep
Research project		10 h
4 lecture exams		30 h exam prep
Cumulative final exam (Academic Testing Center)	Included in lecture time	10 h exam prep
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>37.5 h</b>	<b>75 h</b>

**Services for Students with Disabilities:** Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at [dss@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:dss@hagerstowncc.edu) or at 240-500-2530.