



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Psicologia Sociale - 1

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#### Learning area

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS USEFUL TO UNDERSTAND AND CHANGE THE RELATIONS AMONG INDIVIDUALS AND THE PSYCHOSOCIAL PROCESSES UNDERLYING GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS

#### Learning objectives

##### *Knowledge and understanding*

- Cultural and historical framework of Social Psychology and theoretical models of the discipline
- Research methods in social psychology
- Psychosocial processes related to individual and group behaviour

##### *Applying knowledge and understanding*

- The ability to dialogue with other disciplines
- The ability to apply the psychosocial models in different contexts: family, groups, communities

## Contents

By the end of the course students will be expected to: recognize the key areas of social psychology, demonstrate a basic knowledge of the major theoretical frameworks in social psychology and demonstrate a basic knowledge of the relationship between theoretical perspectives and research methodologies

## Detailed program

### Historical and theoretical framework

- The social and cultural origins of Social Psychology
- Main theoretical models in Social Psychology

### Methodological framework

- Types of research designs and research methods in social psychology (experimental method, laboratory method, field research, action research);

The relationships between Social Psychology and other sciences (Physics, Biology, Sociology, Economics, History)  
– Social Psychology and General Psychology, Psychodynamic Psychology, Clinical Psychology;

### Main research areas

- Social cognition
  - Attitudes and social representations, persuasive communication
  - Group and intergroup relations
  - Conformity and social influence processes
  - Prejudices and discrimination
  - Aggression and prosocial behaviour
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## Prerequisites

Nothing specific

## Teaching methods

Teaching includes lectures - in which, through questions and interventions, we aim to stimulate students' reflexivity on the topics dealt with and on their articulations-, use and discussion of films or other mass-media contents, exercises.

All the material (lecture notes and, if possible, films) is made available on the e-learning site of the course, to be used even by those who cannot attend classes

## **Assessment methods**

The exam is based on a written test and an oral exam, which focus on the entire program of the course and which are mandatory.

The written test, which consists of a multiple-choice exam to be performed on the computer in an IT laboratory, is aimed at ascertaining the acquisition of the basic knowledge of the discipline. The outcome of the written test consists of a suitability or non-suitability assessment for the subsequent oral examination.

Once the student has passed the written test, can therefore access the oral exam. The objective is to ascertain the acquisition of knowledge related to the main theories and research topics of the discipline, as well as the ability to understand the psychosocial processes through which it is possible to describe individual, group and social functioning.

The answers will be evaluated in relation to the correctness of the contents, the capacity to synthesize, to argue, and to identify the connections between the different areas, to the development of skills concerning a critical reading of the phenomena discussed

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

Hogg M.A.; Vaughan G. M. *Psicologia sociale. Teorie e applicazioni*. Milano: Pearson

Palmonari A., Cavazza N. *Ricerche e protagonisti della Psicologia Sociale*. Bologna: Il Mulino.

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