UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Social Psychology

2021-1-E2004P005

Learning area

STUDY OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL ASPECTS RELATED TO COMMUNICATION PROCESSES

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

- Theories and methods in social psychology
- The analysis of social processes
- The interpersonal relationships
- The intergroup relationships

Applying knowledge and understanding

- Understanding the social processes
- Understanding the interpersonal relationships
- Understanding the conflict and intergroup relationships

Contents

Aim of the class is to introduce the student to the study of essentials of social psychology. To this aim, the class introduces basic notions in theories, research findings, and research methods in social psychology.

Detailed program

- History of social psychology
- The attribution processes
- Social cognition
- Self and social identity
- Attitudes and persuasion processes
- Social influence
- People in groups
- Prejudice
- Intergroup relations
- Aggression
- Prosocial behaviour
- Attraction and close relationships
- Applications of psychosocial studies
- Processes of dehumanization

Prerequisites

No specific prerequisite required.

Teaching methods

Teaching methods include the use of lectures, films, classroom discussions. All course material (e.g., slides, readings) are made available on the e-learning website of the course, so that also non-attending students can use it.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 emergency classes will be held in mixed mode: asynchronous/synchronous video-recorded lessons with possible events in synchronous video-conferencing.

Assessment methods

The exam includes a written test. Multiple choice and open-ended questions will be asked in 90 minutes of time. The questions are aimed at ascertaining the effective acquisition of both theoretical knowledge and the ability to connect the different forms, spheres and processes of social psychology. The answers to each question will be evaluated in terms of correctness of the answers, argumentative capacity, synthesis, ability to form links among the different areas, and the ability to critically present the phenomena.

For students who request it, an oral interview will be also made available, on all the topics of the course, which can lead to an increase or decrease of up to 3 points compared to the written exam score.

During the COVID emergency, the examinations will be carried out in telematic form, except for further communications.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Andrighetto, L. & Riva, P. (2020). *Psicologia sociale. Fondamenti teorici ed evidenze empiriche*. Bologna: Il Mulino.

Volpato C. (2011). Deumanizzazione. Come si legittima la violenza. Roma-Bari: Laterza.

Slide presented during classes

Students are recommended to see the course slides posted on the e-learning web page