UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Social Psychology - 1

2021-1-E2401P011-T1

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 an 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

. Attraction and close relationship

Prerequisites

Nothing specific

Teaching methods

This year's teaching will take place remotely except for some events in physical presence with non-mandatory participation. The lessons, which will be video-recorded (synchronous and asynchronous), aim to stimulate the reflexivity of students and students on the topics covered and their articulations also through questions and enjoyment of films or other mass media material.

All the material (lecture notes and, if possible, films) is made available on the e-learning site of the course.

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.

In the Covid-19 emergency period, the exams will be telematic. They will be carried out using the WebEx platform. In the case of the oral exam only, the e-learning page of the teaching will contain a public link to access the exam for possible remote viewers.

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.