



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Social Psychology

2223-1-E4001N075

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#### Learning objectives

The course aims to develop the knowledge of the fundamentals of social psychology from a theoretical and methodological point of view, providing an overview of the different topics addressed by the discipline and highlighting their specificity in terms of object of study, language, and methods in the panorama of psychological and social sciences.

#### Contents

The discipline will be introduced through preliminary notions about the research methodology used in social psychology. The main studies and theories developed to explain the processes of social cognition, social influence, and relationships between individuals and groups within different social contexts will be introduced and deepened. Finally, the new frontiers of the discipline, such as cyberpsychology and environmental psychology, will be presented.

#### Detailed program

- Introduction to social psychology
- Do research in social psychology
- Social cognition
- Social influence
- Attitudes
- The Self: self-regulation, motivation, and emotions
- Aggressiveness
- Prosociality

- Belongingness and social exclusion
- The prejudice
- Social psychology in the digital age
- Environmental psychology
- Political psychology

## **Prerequisites**

No prerequisites are required

## **Teaching methods**

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

## **Assessment methods**

The exam consists of a written test that includes multiple-choice questions and one open-ended question. The questions will focus on the entire program and will be aimed at ascertaining the effective acquisition of theoretical knowledge and the ability to connect the different forms, areas, and processes of social psychology. The answer to the open-ended question will be evaluated in terms of correctness of the answer, argumentative capacity, synthesis, ability to form links among the different areas of the discipline, and the ability to critically present the phenomena.

An oral exam will also be possible for students who explicitly request it. The oral exam will focus on all the topics of the course. Passing the written test is a necessary condition to have access to the oral test.

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

Andrighetto, L. & Riva, P. (Eds.) (2020). *Psicologia Sociale: Fondamenti teorici ed evidenze empiriche*. Bologna: Il Mulino. ISBN 978-88-15-28794-6

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

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