

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

PROGRAM AREA: PSYCHOLOGY

1. Catalog Description of the Course. [Include the course prefix, number, full title, and units. Provide a course narrative including prerequisites and corequisites. If any of the following apply, include in the description:

Repeatability (May be repeated to a maximum of ____ units); time distribution (Lecture ____ hours, laboratory ____ hours); non-traditional grading system (Graded CR/NC, ABC/NC). Follow accepted catalog format.]

PSY 312 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (3)

Three hours lecture per week

Prerequisite: Upper Division standing or consent of instructor

This course is an in-depth survey of the major areas of social psychology. Emphasizes an understanding of the important methods, terms, theories, and findings in the field of social psychology.

	Units:	Hrs/Unit	Benchmark Enrollment
2. Mode of Instruction: Lecture	3	1	25

3. Justification and Learning Objectives for the Course. (Indicate whether required or elective, and whether it meets University Writing, and/or Language requirements) [Use as much space as necessary]

Required course for Psychology major. This course is an covers the major areas of social psychology. Student completing this course will be able to do the following:

Demonstrate an understanding of social psychology in relation to applied disciplines (e.g., criminal justice, education, business, law, social work)

Demonstrate an understanding of social psychology in relation to social sciences (e.g., anthropology, sociology)

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of theory and research in social psychology and social processes

Demonstrate knowledge of different research methodologies employed by social psychologists, including an understanding of the appropriate use of various research designs for addressing different types of questions and hypotheses

Use social psychological theory to understand interpersonal and group behavior

4. Is this a General Education Course? If Yes, indicate GE category: No

5. Course Content in Outline Form

Research methods in social psychology
The self in society

Psychology and the law
Perception of individuals
Perception of groups
Attitudes and beliefs
Conformity
Group processes
Human attraction
Aggression
Social psychology and health

6. References

Franzoi, S. L. (1999). *Social Psychology*. (2nd Ed.) Chicago: Brown & Benchmark Publishers.

Caskey, B. J. (1999). *Stand! Contending Ideas and Opinions: Social Psychology*. Boulder: Coursewise Publishers.

Brehm, S.S., & Kassir, S.M., & Fein, S. (1999). *Social Psychology* (4th ed.). Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

Aronson, E. (2000). *Nobody Left to Hate: Teaching Compassion After Columbine*. New York: W.H. Freeman

7. Qualified Faculty Kevin Volkan, Harley Baker, Beatrice de Oca, Part-Time (tbd)

	Fall Semester:	Spring Semester:	Summer Semester:
8. Frequency	Yes	No	No

9. New Resources Required. None

10. Consultation *Attach consultation sheet from all program areas, Library, and others (if necessary)*

11. If this new course will alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program, attach a program modification

Proposer of Course: Kevin Volkan

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