

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## PSY 220: Social Behavior

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

The influence of other people on the behavior and attitudes of individuals. Topics include attitude change, the effect of being a part of a group, attraction, aggression, sex roles and discrimination. Theory and application. MnTC Goal 5.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 08/15/2006 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Research Methodology
2. The Self
3. Attribution and Social Cognition
4. Attitudes and Behavior
5. Gender and Culture
6. Conformity and Persuasion
7. Group Processes
8. Prejudice and Discrimination
9. Aggression
10. Interpersonal Attraction
11. Prosocial Behavior
12. Clinical and Legal applications

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Discuss major theories and important principles in social psychology.
2. Discuss how individuals think about the social world, and influence and relate to one another.
3. Apply social psychological principles to the areas of health and law.
4. Identify and apply social psychological principles in their own lives.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
4. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

**F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT**

As noted on course syllabus

**G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted