Psychology 6303
Social Psychology
Fall 2017

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Required Text:

Location:
The Blackboard website for this class is located at: http://blackboard.angelo.edu.
This class will be conducted entirely online through the Blackboard site.

Important Note: To communicate with me by email, please do so from your angelo.edu email account. As per ASU policy, I will not respond to emails from your personal email address.

Catalog Description:
A study of the development and modification of human interaction including topics such as social motives, social influence, aggression, attraction, attitudes and group processes.

Course Overview:
The course will include weekly written assignments over chapter material from the textbook, articles, and videos submitted to discussion boards. A written project will be created and assembled over the course of the 8-week course culminating in a final paper. Self-motivation and self-initiation are required for successful online learning. Please pay close attention to the assignment due dates.

Course Objectives:

- Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course.
- Learning to apply course material to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions.
- Learning to analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view.
- Developing skill in expressing myself orally or in writing.

Attendance:
In order to successfully complete an online class, the student must visit the Blackboard course site on a regular basis, and participate in all classroom discussion boards and assignments. All course work has specific due dates available under the Assignment and Classroom Discussion tabs, and on the course calendar. Late submission of any assignment will result in a reduced grade for the assignment, which will continue to reduce over the course of the semester (see Grading Rubric).
Course Grading System:

Acknowledgment & Introduction: 25 pts. = 25 pts.
Weekly Assignments: 13 @ 50 pts. = 650 pts.
Project Drafts: 2 @ 100 pts. = 200 pts.
Course Evaluation: 25 pts. = 25 pts.

Total Points = 900 pts.

There are no extra credit opportunities for this class.

Grading Rubric:

Final grades will be based on the following scale and there will be no curves or concessions:

A = 90% and above  
B = 80% - 89%  
C = 70% - 79%  
D = 60% - 69%  
F = 59% and below

Late Assignment Reduction Schedule:

1 week late = 10% penalty after assignment is graded 
2 weeks late = 20% penalty after assignment is graded 
3 weeks late = 30% penalty after assignment is graded 
4 weeks late = 40% penalty after assignment is graded 
5 weeks late = 50% penalty after assignment is graded 
6 weeks late = unacceptable. Grade = 0.

*In other words, it is very important for you to stay current with your work, and it will be impossible to wait until the last week of class to turn in your assignments and pass this class.

Academic Dishonesty and the Academic Honor Code:
"Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code, which is contained in both print and web versions of the Student Handbook." Students will be expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their online classroom experiences as well. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject to disciplinary action and possible expulsion from the program.

You may view the Academic Honor Code at http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/honorcode5.pdf
## Tentative Course Calendar


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**Additional Resources: Selected Articles and Videos**

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*Course Evaluation Assignment - At some point in the last few weeks of the semester, you will receive an email with the course evaluation. Please do not delete this email, as completing the course evaluation is an assignment for this class. You will need to send me an email after completing the course evaluation giving me one of the questions that you answered from the evaluation – NOT how you answered the question, as your answers are confidential, just one of the questions so that I will know to give you credit for the assignment.*