Course Information

Course Description
This course is designed to cover the broad field of social psychology, and given that breadth, our focus will be on introductory and basic treatments of the various theories and data. A variety of perspectives will be presented, compared and contrasted, and practical applications will be offered so that the information from the course can be utilized by all students regardless of major or professional interest.

Prerequisite Skills
Computer literacy as end-user, standard word processing software

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to describe, compare and contrast key concepts and theories in historical and current social psychology
- Students will be able to critically evaluate fictional and non-fictional portrayals of human behavior within the context of social psychological concepts
- Students will be able to identify ways in which the course content can be applied to their own life circumstances to affect positive change

Required Texts and Materials
Grading

Students will be measured according to their performance on the following criteria:

- **Examinations (E).** Four examinations shall be administered in class including the final. No other activities will occur on test days.
- **Application Papers (P).** Students shall create a series of papers over the term. Most will require analysis of popular movies through a social psychological lens (instructions will be provided for each).
- **Quizzes (Q).** A series of unannounced quizzes shall be administered at the start of certain class periods.

**Grade Calculation Formula**

\[ 0.30(E) + 0.30(Q) + 0.40(P) \]

**Grading System**

The following grading scale is in use for this course (rounding is done to the nearest integer according to standard mathematical rules):

- A = > 90
- B = 80 - 89
- C = 70 - 79
- D = 56 - 69
- F = < 56

Additional criteria governing course grades are as follows:

- **You must have a non-zero grade for at least 50% of the quizzes offered.** Failure to meet this criteria shall result in **automatic failure of the course.**
- **You must pass (x > 55%) ALL PORTIONS of the course individually.** This means your calculated average on tests, quizzes, and papers. Failure to meet these criteria shall result in **course failure.**

Note that the instructor has the authority to suspend these rules in individual cases where circumstances may dictate. This will ALWAYS be done to ensure that the student receives the fairest grade possible and will NEVER be used to punish students.
Submitting Papers
All papers are submitted through the Assignments tool in Blackboard. Sometimes, things happen with technology. Use the following FAQ to help.

Q: What do I do if I submit the wrong document?
A: Contact me via email to notify me with the correct document attached.

Q: What do I do if the professor tells me that my submission failed (document unreadable, etc.)?
A: If this happens, you will receive a grade of “0” and a note from me that your paper was not readable. Resubmit the assignment via email as soon as possible.

Q: What if Blackboard goes down and I can’t submit?
A: First, contact the Service Center at 942.2911 to inquire about the outage. Open a ticket if necessary. Then, submit as soon as your access is restored.

Q: Can I share a document through Google Docs as a submission?
A: NO. If you do this, I cannot read it. If this happens, you will receive a grade of “0” and a note from me that your paper was not readable. Resubmit the assignment via email as soon as possible but there will be a letter grade penalty.

Late Work or Missed Assignments Policy

TESTS

I must be contacted regarding makeup tests within 7 days of the test date. If this does not occur, the test will be considered “unfinished.” Unfinished exams become a score of “0”.

QUIZZES

Quizzes are not recoverable because they serve as a sampling index of attendance. However, a portion of quiz grades shall be dropped at term’s end to account for absences. If you come into a quiz late (i.e., it has already started), you may submit a paper documenting your lateness to receive credit for attendance, which will be quantified as the lowest possible quiz score.
PAPERS

While papers may be submitted at any time, paper due dates are strict; late work shall be penalized at least 5% per 24-hour period up to a maximum of 60%.

Things NOT To Do

- **Cell phones must be turned off or to a silent setting; texting is disallowed.**
- **Persistent and excessive lateness will not be tolerated.** If you consistently arrive to class late, I will ask for a meeting with you. If a quiz has started, you will not be allowed to take it, but you will receive credit for attendance (the lowest quiz score possible).
- **The use of personal listening devices during class will not be tolerated.**
- While I encourage an open classroom regarding communication, student discussions that become disruptive to the class will not be allowed.

Communication

You may reach me via telephone or email. Email is the preferred communication method. Because I also have administrative responsibilities, it is best to schedule an in-person meeting rather than to rely on office hours.
General Policies Related to This Course

All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:

- Angelo State University Student Handbook
- Angelo State University Catalog

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The College of Health and Human Services adheres to the university’s Statement of Academic Integrity.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website. The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is:

Dallas Swafford
Director of Student Disability Services
Office of Student Affairs
325-942-2047
dallas.swafford@angelo.edu
Houston Harte University Center, Room 112
Incomplete Grade Policy
It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact me if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. I will do everything I can to help you, but that may mean advising you to try the course again another time. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures for more information.

Plagiarism
Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

If I detect that two papers are the same, both students will receive no credit for that assignment.

Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days
A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day for more information.

Title IX at Angelo State University
Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.
You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: www.angelo.edu/incident-form
Face to face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
Phone: 325-942-2022
Email: michelle.boone@angelo.edu

*Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171). For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State’s policy please visit: www.angelo.edu/title-ix.*

**Student Evaluation of Faculty and Course**

Students in all programs are given the opportunity to evaluate their courses and the faculty who teach them. Evaluations are most helpful when they are honest, fair, constructive, and pertinent to the class, clinical experience, or course. Faculty value student evaluations, and use student suggestions in making modifications in courses, labs and clinical experiences. Angelo State University uses the IDEA (Individual Development and Educational Assessment) system administered through Kansas State University for all course evaluations. The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment administers IDEA for the entire university, online and has established a policy whereby students can complete course evaluations free from coercion.

This document constitutes an explicit agreement between the course instructor and the students enrolled in the course. All issues pertaining to the conduct of the course shall be governed by this document, and where it is silent, the course instructor’s discretion shall be binding. If any rules, guidelines, and/or restrictions must be changed during the term, the instructor may do so and will communicate those changes to all students through Blackboard.
# Course Schedule

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*Note — This is an estimate of the course flow. Adjustments may be made in the interest of time and pacing. Chapters are organized by modules and all materials can be found within module folders on Blackboard where you will also find due dates for assignments and test dates as we progress. Class attendance and frequent Blackboard logins are crucial to stay current on deadlines, take quizzes, and engage the material!*

1. [https://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/](https://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/)
2. [https://www.angelo.edu/catalogs/](https://www.angelo.edu/catalogs/)
4. [https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/](https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/)
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