

## SOC 401 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

### Syllabus

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#### **COURSE CREDIT:**

Three Semester Hours

#### **PREREQUISITES:**

SOC 201 The Sociological Imagination with a grade of C or above.

#### **COURSE MATERIALS:**

To order textbooks or obtain information about book titles you may go to [www.exstudies.adams.edu](http://www.exstudies.adams.edu) and click on the “ASC Bookstore” icon.

Use **Section Number: 614** to order books from Bookstore site.

#### **Required Text:**

Lovaglia, M. *Knowing People: The Personal Use of Social Psychology*, second edition. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. (2007)  
ISBN-10: 0-7425-4772-8 (paper back).

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will look at Social Psychology from a sociological perspective. It will consider (1) social experience gained from the individuals' participation in social groups, (2) interaction with others, (3) the effects of the cultural environment on both social experience and interactions with others, and (4) the emergence of social structure from these interactions.

Social psychology deals with the interface between society and individuals. It explores the influence of social forces on individual behavior, repeated patterns of everyday behavior, and keys to understanding everyday actions in many areas of human conduct. No other course in sociology deals so directly with understanding the ways in which people function on a daily basis.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

### **Objectives:**

1. Cover Symbolic Interactionism, Exchange Theory, and Micro-structural Sociology.
2. Provide students with a variety of frameworks, from which to view interpersonal interactions. These frameworks may include dramaturgy, ethnomethodology, and the exchange approach.
3. Provide knowledge about, and experience in, how groups can effectively work together.
4. Provide students with experiences in at least two areas of social psychology.
5. Provide students an opportunity to improve their discussion, presentation, and writing skills.
6. Points specifically emphasized include:
  - a. to have students understand the basic concepts involved in symbolic interactionism
  - b. to have students master the operational ideas within symbolic interactionist theory which must be mastered by human behaviorists in order to comprehend basic causes of human behavior
  - c. to give students hands-on practice with the ideas of symbolic interactionism in regards to specifically analyzing human interactions

### **Outcomes:**

- A. Contrast micro and macro sociology.
- B. Recognize the basic tenants of symbolic interactionism.
- C. Examine the power of the situation in determining human behavior.
- D. Classify perspectives on impression management and persuasion.
- E. Apply principles of sociologically oriented social psychology to personal and professional life.
- F. Develop effective writing skills.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

Requirements for this course include a self-description, answers to the Study Guide Questions for each of the ten chapters in the textbook, ten written exercises from the text (called Self-Applications in your textbook), and proctored (closed book and notes) midterm and final exams.

## **GRADE DISTRIBUTION AND SCALE:**

In alignment with ASC academic policies, no D may apply to a major or minor field.

### **Grade Distribution:**

Lovaglia Chapter Questions (Chapters 1-10)	50 points
Self-applications (Chapters 1-10)	50 points
Proctored Midterm Exam	100 points
Proctored Final Exam	<u>100 points</u>
Total Points Possible	300

### **Scale:**

270-300	A
240-269	B
210-239	C
180-209	D
179 and below	F