

Summer 2017
SOCIOLOGY 240

5 Credits (I&S) : SLN 13515
Monday/Wednesday 8:30-10:10

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY



- How do social forces influence individual and group perceptions of our world?
- How are people created by society? How is society created by people?
- How and why do people engage in “impression management”? Why do our public selves differ from our private

Social psychology is an interdisciplinary field that explores the interrelationship between individual consciousness and social structures. Research in this field explores both (1) how society influences how individuals perceive themselves, their experiences, and their world, and (2) how interaction between individuals can influence social structures or organization. This course will have a focus on *sociological* social psychology, a field shared by sociology and psychology, and covers topics including the development of self-concept and reflexive thought; identities and group membership; impression management and behavior; and the construction of meaning and social norms.

This is an introductory course, meaning students will learn the classical foundations of social psychology, but will also have the opportunity to explore contemporary social psychological research. By the conclusion of this course, students will understand key social psychological theories and be able to apply those theories to identify social factors that influence what people think, feel, and believe in their day-to-day life.

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