Social Psychology

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course aims to provide the basic theoretical and empirical knowledge for interpreting the main characterising phenomena of perception and social relations from a psychosocial point of view. The course will examine in depth the analysis of the psychological processes that regulate people's relationships with the social world, as well as individual and collective behaviour.

*Knowledge and understanding*

- Knowledge of the theoretical-conceptual background of social psychology.

- Understanding of the main research methods used by social psychology.

- Ability to interpret research results in the field of social psychology.

*Ability to apply knowledge and understanding*

- Acquisition of reading keys and tools useful for understanding and investigating problems of social reality.

*Autonomy of judgment*

- Development of an independent and critical attitude towards current social issues.

***COURSE CONTENT***

1. Concepts of social psychology

2. Methods of social psychology

3. Social thought

5. Attitudes and relationship with action

6. Persuasive communication

7. People in groups

8. Prejudice and intergroup relations

9. Non-verbal communication

***READING LIST***

M.A. Hogg-G.M. Vaughan, *Psicologia sociale.* *Teorie e applicazioni,* Pearson, Milan, 2023.

M. Bonaiuto-F. Maricchiolo, *La comunicazione non verbale*, Carocci, Roma, 2009.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Lectures, discussion of empirical research, presentation of examples on topics covered through visual aids, presentations by experts in the field, online support use on the Blackboard.

Practical classes on topics covered in the course.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Written exam. The assessment will be based on the comprehension of the topics discussed during lectures, the learning, the methods and the specific language of the subject and the ability in applying them autonomously and consciously.

The exam consists of two parts corresponding the two modules of the course. For students who were able to attend class regularly, the written test will focus on lecture notes and online teaching material. During lectures, chapters of the textbooks to be prepared in addition to the notes will also be communicated. The test will contain both closed and open questions strictly related to issues covered in the class. There will be two types of open questions: a. short questions that require synthetic definitions of constructs; b. long questions that require students to describe relevant theoretical and / or construct models by referring to examples presented during lectures. The score obtained by answering to given exam questions can be increased based on active participation in any research projects and / or exercises carried out during the course.

For students who have not had the opportunity to attend class regularly, the written test will have similar structure to the exam for attending students and will focus on the textbooks listed in the reading list.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

At the link *http://blackboard.unicatt.it* students can find online course support: teaching material, information and notices, dissertation topics.

For information about the course, students can also consult the lecturer’s virtual classroom on the website www.unicatt.it, or contact Prof. Noemi Monti (*nm.monti@gmail.com*) and Prof. Daniela Canoro (*daniela .canoro @ unicatt.it*)*.*

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG or on the Faculty notice board.