

Sociology 326, Section 2: Social Psychology

Cross-listed with Psychology 326

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Prerequisites: No

General Education: Upper-division Area D1 (Individual and Society)

Soci 326 offers a sociological approach to the taken-for-granted world of our everyday lives. The focus is upon sociological approaches to social psychology, with an emphasis on the relationship between social structure and human behavior. Topics include the nature and scope of social psychology, symbolic interaction, dramaturgical sociology, the development and maintenance of the social self, and the social construction of reality. Class format will include both group discussion and lecture, with an emphasis on group discussion. Group discussion will be facilitated by the formation of small discussion groups. Participation is a major part of the course, so attendance is mandatory. Three texts will be required in addition to materials posted on the course web page. Grading will be based on participation, weekly papers, essay exams, and a term project.