

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: PSY-523 Social and Cultural Bases of Behavior

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
PSY-523	Social and cultural bases of behavior	3.7
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Spring	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Upper Division	English

Course Description

Cultural competence of therapists, multiracial individuals, sexuality issues, people with disabilities, diversity in psychology, therapy with impoverished and undereducated populations, therapist-client cultural match, translators in therapy, acculturation and ethnic identity of the therapist and the client, clients with HIV/AIDS, Agism, Elitism, racism.

Instructor

Marios Constantinou, Ph.D.

Course Aims and Objectives

This course provides an understanding of human behavior as a function of social and cultural factors. Social psychology topics covered include social influence theory, attitude formation and change, social cognition, interpersonal perception, obedience and conformity, altruism, aggression, and stereotyping. The influence of factors such as cultural, racial, gender, and age differences on clinical practice are discussed.

Teaching Methods

Lectures, discussions, lab works, assigned readings, demonstrations, projects, & video films.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Spring semester in 13-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

3 tests (20% each = 60%)
Final Exam: 20%
Final project: 20%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

Readings (i.e. articles)

Additional Supplemental packet

APA: Guidelines for providers of psychological services to ethnic, linguistic, and culturally diverse populations (1993). American Psychological Association.