Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2018-2019

Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)

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Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2019-2020

A (semester 2) Dutch lecture 2.5 h seminar 27.5 h

Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020
Van Hiel, Alain PP07 lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020
Bachelor of Laws in Laws

Teaching languages
Dutch

Keywords
Group performance, social cognition, social influence, social relations, multicultural society, sustainability, psychology and law,

Position of the course
• Introduction to empirical social psychological research that is relevant for the study and administration of law
• Introductory review of theories on social perception, social influence, interpersonal relations and the psychology of law

Contents

Introduction
• People are social animals
• Social psychology: definition and related disciplines
• A brief history of social psychology
• Social psychology in the 21st century

Research methods
• The development of hypotheses
• The operationalization of social psychological variables
• Testing ideas: research designs
• Ethics and values in social psychology

Social perception
• The raw materials of the first impression
• Attributions: from elements to dispositions
• Integration: from dispositions to impressions
• Confirmation biases: from impressions to reality

Social influence
• Automatic social influence
• Conformity
• Compliance
• Obedience

Aggression
• What is aggression?
• Cross-national and intracultural differences
• The origin of aggression

(Approved)
• Social psychological theories of aggression
• The impact of violent media
• Hidden violence

The social psychological basis of groups
• Group characteristics
• Group structure
• Power and leadership
• Intergroup relations

Group performance
• Collective processes
• Disagreement and different opinions
• Small group performance
• Groupthink: loosing perspective

The multicultural society
• Diversity
• Interethnic contact reduces prejudice
• Problems with interethnic contact
• Living together in school and the workplace
• Measures, media, laws and regulations

Towards a sustainable world
• Self-interest versus a prosocial orientation
• Ecological behaviour
• Conflict resolution
• To have or to be?

Social psychology and law
• The selection of a jury
• The legal process
• Jury deliberation
• The sentencing process

Initial objectives

Final objectives of secondary education

Final competences

1. Being able to describe the basic principles and concepts of social psychology.
2. Situate the human being in its interpersonal, social and cultural context and have the capacity to apply this knowledge adequately.
3. To be aware that all rules - formal and informal - are strongly influenced by cultural norms, but also by norms in specific groups.
4. Gaining insight into the social psychological factors that influence law.
5. Gaining insight into the fact that legal rules are applied by people and that typical (social) psychological biases and influences on the application of objective rules occur.
6. To be prepared to extend one's knowledge beyond the scientific principles underlying law.
7. To be able to identify obstacles for successful cooperation in task groups.
8. To be aware that one must work together in groups and that it is difficult to combine expertise. Recognize that delinquency requires pluralist attention.
9. Open staan voor de creatieve inzet van het recht als instrument van maatschappelijke ordening, met zin voor pluralisme, diversiteit en verdraagzaamheid.
10. To gain insight in multicultural issues.
11. To gain insight in the individual and contextual basis of ecological behavior and a sustainable world.

Conditions for credit contract
Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in ‘Starting Competences’

Conditions for exam contract
Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods
Lecture, seminar

Extra information on the teaching methods
Colleges with video illustrations of research and concepts. Attention is paid to the cross-cultural differences in social psychological phenomena. The chapter aggression
explicitly discusses criminal behavior and the effectiveness of punishment to reduce delinquency. The chapter law psychology addresses phenomena that may lead to fault verdicts, like false confessions and mistakes of eye-witnesses.

Seminar 1: are people still obedient these days?
Video material about a recent replication of the classic work of Milgram and discussion.
Seminar 2: how does it feel to be discriminated against?
Video material about the method of Jane Elliot and discussion.

Learning materials and price
• Press
• MINERVA (handouts, communication ...)
Estimated total cost: 60 EUR

References

Course content-related study coaching
• During the intervals and before or after the lecture
• Interactive support using Minerva (documentation, demonstrations, feedback).
• Office hours: Tessa Haesevoets, Monday 10am to 12am.

Evaluation methods
end-of-term evaluation
Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
Written examination with open questions, written examination with multiple choice questions
Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
Written examination with open questions, written examination with multiple choice questions
Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation
Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
not applicable
Extra information on the examination methods
• Multiple choice questions assessing knowledge and application of the acquired knowledge in novel situations.
• Open question about all the chapters of the course.
Calculation of the examination mark
• The multiple-choice section: 50%
• Open questions: 50%
Facilities for Working Students
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