

COMMON POOL OF GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE) COURSES Offered by Department of Psychology

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CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE GE-9 COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/Practice		
GE-9 Basics of Social Psychology	4	3	1	0	Class XII Pass	Nil

Learning Objectives

- To define social psychology and describe its origins as a separate discipline within psychology.
- To develop an understanding of cognitions, and actions of oneself and others in the social and cultural context.
- To discuss the relationship between the person and the situation and its influence on attitudes, and social influence processes.

Learning outcomes

- Define social psychology and related terminology.
- Identify and evaluate the current and historical research, and research methods of social psychology, including ethical considerations.
- Apply social psychological principles to real-world issues

SYLLABUS OF GE-9

Unit I **(11 Hours)**
Introduction to Social Psychology: Nature, Scope, History, Methods of research, Social Psychology in India, and Current Trends.

Unit II **(11 Hours)**

Person Perception & Social Cognition: Social Schemas, Heuristics, Attribution: Types and theories.

Unit III **(11 Hours)**

Attitudes: Structure, Characteristics, Formation, Attitude-Behaviour Link, Attitude change

Unit IV **(12 Hours)**

Social Influence Processes: Compliance: principles and tactics; Conformity: Classic studies and recent trends; Obedience: factors affecting obedience.

Tutorial Component – 15 Hrs.

- Group Discussions
- Book Review
- Class Presentations
- Group Projects
- Media Analysis (Movies, documentaries, serials, songs, advertisements, social media posts)
- Any creative production (group activity)

The above list is a suggested one and not an exhaustive list of Tutorial Activities.

Practical Component – NIL

Essential/recommended readings

Baumeister, R. F., & Bushman, B. J. (2018). *Social Psychology and Human Nature*. New Delhi: Cengage Learning.

Branscombe, N. R., & Baron, R. A. (2023). *Social Psychology Fifteenth Global Edition*. Pearson Education Limited.

Dalal, A. & Misra, G. (2002) Social Psychology in India : Evolution and Emerging trends in New Directions in Indian Psychology (vol. 1: Social Psychology). In A. K. Dalal & G. Misra ((Eds.). New Delhi: Sage

Hogg, M., & Vaughan, G. M. (2018). *Social Psychology*. Pearson Education Limited.

Misra, G. (2009). Psychology in India: Theoretical and Methodological Developments (ICSSR Survey of Advances in Research), Vol 4. New Delhi: Pearson.

Pandey, J. & Singh, P. (2005) Social psychology in India: Social roots and development. International Journal of Psychology, 40(4), 239-253.

Suggested Readings

Misra, G., Sanyal, N., & De, S. (2021). Psychology in Modern India Historical, Methodological, and Future Perspectives. Springer

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.