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Faculty of Social Sciences

## **PSYN20, Psychology: Advanced Social Psychology I, 7.5 credits** *Psykologi: Avancerad socialpsykologi I, 7,5 högskolepoäng* Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Psychology on 2022-06-07 and was last revised on 2022-06-07. The revised syllabus applies from 2022-09-14, spring semester 2023.

### **General Information**

The course is offered as an elective course in semester 2 of the Master's Programme in Psychology, 120 credits. The course is also offered as a freestanding course.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

Psychology

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course the student shall

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a broad selection of theory and current empirical results in the field of social psychology, as well as an in-depth knowledge of a narrowly defined current research question in social psychology
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a broad overview of empirical methodology in current social psychological research as well as an in-depth knowledge of methods in a narrowly defined field of research in social psychology

#### **Competence and skills**

- demonstrate in-depth ability to describe and communicate key theory and empirical findings in various subdisciplines in the social psychological literature in

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- a concise and reflective manner, both orally and in writing
- demonstrate in-depth ability to analyze social psychological theory and empirical findings by comparing, integrating, and critiquing
  - demonstrate in-depth ability to identify and formulate feasible future research directions for social psychology
  - demonstrate in-depth ability to reflect upon societal applications of social psychological research

### **Judgement and approach**

- use a scholarly approach to criticize or justify current stands within the field of social psychology and its application
- independently and critically use knowledge from social psychology to make judgments with respect to relevant scientific questions and societal issues

### **Course content**

The course discusses current issues and theoretical perspectives in modern social psychology. The aim is to provide a broad overlook about current theories and research results on the subject of the individual as a thinking and feeling being in a social and cultural context, as well as in-depth knowledge in a narrowly defined research question in the field.

The course provides both an overview of current social psychological topics and in-depth specialization in chosen subfields. The course gives insight in modern social psychological theory, research, and practice, through active class discussions and selected reading. The teaching and examination consist of student-led lectures, active participation in seminars and in written work.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars, oral presentation, and written work. Participation in seminars is compulsory. Students who have been unable to participate due to circumstances such as accidents or sudden illness will be offered the opportunity to compensate for or re-take compulsory components. This also applies to students who have been absent because of duties as an elected student representative. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the course leader in the case of such absence.

### **Assessment**

The assessment will be based on individual written work and completed seminars including one student-led lecture.

Three opportunities for examination will be offered in conjunction with each sub course. Within a year after a major change or termination of the course, at least two further examination opportunities will be offered on the same course content. After that, students will be offered further examination opportunities but in accordance with the current course syllabus.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

## **Grades**

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The highest grade is A, and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail. The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results.

The seminars (including student-led lectures) are exempted from the grading scale above. The grades awarded for this component is Pass or Fail. For the grade of Pass, the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of Fail, the student must have shown unacceptable results.

To get a passing grade (at least E) in the course, the student must have completed the compulsory seminars and obtained at least E on the written work. At the start of the course students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

## **Entry requirements**

To be eligible for the course the student must be admitted to the Master of Science Programme in Psychology, 120 credits, or have completed 150 credits, including a Bachelor's degree project in psychology or the equivalent. Oral and written language proficiency in English equivalent to English 6/B from Swedish upper-secondary school is a requirement. International qualifications will be assessed in accordance with national guidelines.

## Subcourses in PSYN20, Psychology: Advanced Social Psychology I

Applies from V23

- 2301 Advanced Social Psychology I, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 2302 Seminars Advanced Social Psychology I, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass