

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSP 352 **Course Title** Prosocial and Antisocial Behaviour
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** ICSS 112 Introduction to Psychology; ICSP 253 Social Psychology
5. **Type of Course** Elective for Psychology Minor
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** Third trimester, bi - annually

7. **Course Description**

The psychological and anthropological understanding of prosocial and antisocial behaviour. Altruism and helping. Aggression and violence. Theoretical approaches and debates.

8. **Course Objective (s)**

To provide students with a more sophisticated understanding of the field of prosocial and antisocial behaviours, through an improved critical evaluation of selected issues and the literature.

9. **Course Outline**

| Week | Topic | | Instructor |
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| | Lecture | Hour | |
| 1 | Introduction to altruism and prosocial behaviour | 4 | Dr. Paul Yablo |
| 2 | Situational and contextual elements | 4 | |
| 3 | Motivation, human nature, developmental determinants | 4 | |
| 4 | The altruistic personality | 4 | |
| 5 | Culture | 4 | |
| 6 | Introduction to aggression | 4 | |
| 7 | Emotional aggression | 4 | |
| 8 | Aggressive personalities | 4 | |
| 9 | Media, domestic violence, murder | 4 | |
| 10 | Biology and culture | 4 | |
| 11 | Psychopathy | 4 | |
| | Total | 44 | |

N.B. The lecturer reserves the right to vary the topics as seen fit.

10. **Teaching Method (s)**

Seminar discussion, presentations.

11. Teaching Media

Assigned texts and reader.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

(i.e. Grading scheme) Grades given according to a predetermined scale as follows : A = 80 - 100; B+ = 75 - 79; B = 70 - 74; C+ = 65 - 69; C = 60 - 64; D+ = 55 - 59; D = 50 - 54; F < 49.

13. Course evaluation

(i.e. Grading components) : Evaluations are based on a term paper (50%), presentation (30%), and class presentation (20%).

14. Reference (s)

Required readings :

1. Schroeder, D.A., Penner, L.A., Dovidio, J.F., & Piliavin, J.A. (1995). *The psychology of helping and altruism : Problems and puzzles*. NY : McGraw - Hill Inc.
2. Berkowitz, L. (1993). *Aggression : Its causes, consequences, and control*. NY : McGraw - Hill Inc.

Selected readings :

1. Batson, C.D. (1995). Prosocial motivation : Why do we help others? In A. Tesser (ed.), *Advanced social psychology* (pp. 333 - 381). NY : McGraw Hill.
2. Cohen, R. (1972). Altruism : Human, cultural or what? *Journal of Social Issues*. 28(3), 39 - 57.
3. Darley, J. & Latane, B. (1968). Bystander intervention in emergencies : Diffusion of responsibility. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 8, 377 - 383.
4. Geen, R.G. (1995). Human aggression. In A. Tesser (ed.), *Advanced social psychology* (pp. 382 - 417). NY : McGraw Hill.
5. Hardin, G. (1968). Tragedy of the commons. *Science*, 162, 1243 - 1248.
6. Hoffman, M.L. (1981). Is altruism part of human nature? *Personality processes and individual differences*, 40, 121 - 137.
7. Latane, B., & Darley, J. (1968) Group inhibition of bystander intervention. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 10, 215 - 221.
8. Moghaddam, F.M. (1998). Altruism (pp. 295 - 327). In *Social psychology : Exploring universals across cultures*. NY : W.H. Freeman.

9. Moghaddam, F.M. (1998). Aggression (pp. 365 - 401). In *Social psychology : Exploring universals across cultures*. NY : W.H. Freeman.
10. Moghaddam, F.M., Taylor, D.M., & Wright, S.C. (1993). Prosocial behaviour. In *Social psychology in cross - cultural perspective* (pp. 116 - 129). NY : Freeman.
11. Rushton, J.P. (1981). The altruistic personality. In J.P. Rushton & R.M. Sorrentino (eds), *Altruism and helping behaviour* (pp. 251 - 266). Hillsdale, NJ : Erlbaum.
12. Segall, M.H. (1988). Cultural roots of aggressive behavior. In M.H. Bond (ed.), *Cross - cultural challenge to social psychology* (pp. 208 - 217). Newbury, CA : Sage.
13. Triandis, H.C. (1994). Cultural influences on aggression, helping, dominance and conformity (pp. 207 - 234). In H.C. Triandis, *Culture and social behavior*. NY : McGraw Hill.

15. Instructor (s)

Dr. Paul Yablo

16. Course Coordinator

Dr. Paul Yablo