

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, WEST BENGAL
(Formerly West Bengal University of Technology)
Syllabus of B.Sc. In Psychology
(Effective from 2023-24 Academic Sessions)

Course Name: DEVELOPMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL THOUGHT

Mode: Offline

Credits: 3+2

BSCPYPY- 301

Aim of the Course: The aim is to develop an understanding of the concept of psyche, mind body relationship, positivist orientation, psycho analytic and humanistic orientation and contemporary development of thoughts related to social constructionism and feministic approaches.

Course Objectives: The course is aimed to build knowledge on different perspectives in psychological thought. It also helps to interpret human behaviour to understand the self in light of eastern and western principles, use contemporary perspectives to examine the behaviours of major contemporary personalities, argue and defend a major psychological orientation to thought to indicate development of a personal philosophy.

SI	Graduate attributes	Mapped modules
CO1	The student will get an introduction to psyche, free will and determinism, mind body relationship, empiricism and rationality	M1
CO2	The student shall learn to examine human behaviour in light of eastern and western principles to comprehend oneself.	M2
CO3	The student must examine how well-known contemporary personalities behave by using contemporary perspectives.	M3
CO4	The students should be able to explain the evolution of social constructionism and feminist theory in the modern era	M4
CO5	The students will get to discuss and defend a key psychological school of thought to show the emergence of a personal philosophy.	M5

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Learning Outcome/ Skills:

The candidates should demonstrate fundamental knowledge and insight in psyche, free will and determinism, mind body relationship, empiricism and rationality. It also aids in the development of a personal philosophy to analyze human behaviour in light of eastern and western principles, examine major contemporary personalities' behaviours from a contemporary perspective, and argue and defend a major psychological school of thought.

Module Number	Content	Total Hours	% of questions	Bloom Level (applicable)	Remarks, if any
<u>THEORY</u>					
M1	Understanding the Psyche	07	20	1,2	NA
M2	The positivist orientation	15	30	1,2,3	NA
M3	Psychoanalytic and humanistic-existential orientation	15	30	1,2,3	NA
M4	Social constructionism and feministic approaches	08	20	1,2,3	NA
Total Theory		45	100		
<u>Practical</u> 1. Practical on Reaction Time 2. Project based Practical on Memory functioning		30			
Total		75			

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Detailed Syllabus:

Module 1: Understanding the Psyche

Meaning of psyche, discussions and issues concerning Free will and Determinism, Mind Body relationship, Empiricism and Rationality

Total Hours: 07

Module 2: The positivist orientation

Developments in Behaviourism (Watson), Neo-behaviouristic traditions (Skinner), Cognitive revolution- A Paradigm Shift

Total Hours: 15

Module 3: Psychoanalytic and humanistic-existential orientation

Freudian Psychoanalysis, Analytical Psychoanalysis; Carl Jung Developments in Psychoanalysis: The shift towards social and cultural; Developments of Third Force: Humanistic and Existential

Total Hours: 15

Module 4: Social constructionism and feministic approaches

Contemporary development of thoughts related to social constructionism and feministic approaches

Total Hours: 08

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PRACTICAL

Total Hours: 30

BSCPY 391

1. Practical on measuring reaction time using Reaction Timer
2. Practical on memory and forgetting through the use of non-sense syllables

Suggested Readings:

1. Benjamin Jr. (2009). A History of Psychology: Original Sources & Contemporary Research 3rd Edn. Blackwell Publishing.
2. King, D.B., Viney, W. & Woody, W.D. (2008). A history of psychology: Ideas and context. (4th Ed.). Pearson education.
3. Leahey, T.H. (2005). A History of Psychology: Main currents in psychological thought (6th Ed.).Singapore: Pearson Education.
4. Wolman, B.B. (1979). Contemporary theories & systems in psychology. London: Freeman Book Co.

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Course Name: Social Psychology

Mode: Offline

Credits:3+2

BSCPYPY-302

Aim of the Course: The aim is to achieve basic concept of social psychology, social cognition and person perception, attitude and stereotype and prejudice.

Course Objectives: The course is aimed to build knowledge in social psychology, social cognition and person perception, attitude and stereotype and prejudice. Upon completion of this course, students should understand how human behaviour is perceived from a social angle, using human behaviour to examine mental states, compare the different processes of self and how they are organized into a whole and recognize the various forms of prejudice and stereotypes that exist in society.

SI	Graduate attributes	Mapped modules
CO1	The student will get an introduction to the discipline of Social Psychology.	M1
CO2	The student shall get expertise on how human behaviour is perceived from a social angle	M2
CO3	The student shall master the concepts of interpreting a person's behaviour to learn about their mental health	M3
CO4	The students will understand and compare the various aspects of one's self and how they are put together as a whole.	M4
CO5	The students will get a basic knowledge on various forms of prejudice and stereotypes that exist in society.	M5

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Learning Outcome/ Skills:

The candidates should demonstrate fundamental knowledge into Social Psychology, for the candidate to be able to gain knowledge of the nuances of social life as well as various viewpoints on the interactions between individuals and society. Introduce the concept of social influence and behaviour to the students, emphasizing how people think, feel, and act in social contexts.

Module Number	Content	Total Hours	% of questions	Bloom Level (applicable)	Remarks, if any
<u>THEORY</u>					
M1	Basic concept of social psychology	10	20	1,2,3	NA
M2	Social Cognition and Person Perception	13	30	1,2	NA
M3	Attitude	12	30	1,2,3	NA
M4	Stereotype and prejudice	10	20	1,2	NA
Total Theory		45	100		
<u>Practical</u>		30			
1. Project based Practical on Gender Identity					
2. Project based practical on Group cohesiveness					
Total		75			

Detailed Syllabus

Module 1: Basic concept of Social Psychology

Meaning, nature, and scope of Social Psychology; Methods used in Social Psychology

Total Hours: 10

Module 2: Social Cognition and Person Perception

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Self and its processes: Self concept, Self-esteem, and self-presentation; Social identity and its functions. Social Cognition, Social perception.

Total Hours: 13

Module 3: Attitude

Nature, determinants, theories, formation, and change; Attitude-behavior link and social identity

Total Hours: 12

Module 4: Stereotype and prejudice

Stereotype and prejudice: formation, theories, and change

Total Hours: 10

PRACTICAL

Total Hours: 30

BSCP392

1. Project based practical on Gender Identity (Analysis of book/movie/real life cases of individuals with issues of gender identity and presenting the same in the form of classroom power point presentation)
2. Practical on measuring group cohesiveness through Moreno's Sociometric method

Suggested Readings:

Baron, R.A., Byrne, D. & Bhardwaj. G (2010). Social Psychology (12th Ed). New Delhi: Pearson.

Chadha, N.K. (2012). Social Psychology. MacMillan: New Delhi

Deaux.K & Wrightsman, L. (2001). Social Psychology. California: Cole Publishing

Kassin,S., Fein, S., & Markus,H.R. (2008). Social psychology. New York: Houghton Mifflin.

Misra, G. (2009). Psychology in India, Volume 4: Theoretical and Methodological Developments (ICSSR survey of advances in research). New Delhi: Pearson.

Myers, D.G. (2008). Social psychology New Delhi: Tata McGraw-Hill.

Taylor,S.E., Peplau,L.A. & Sears,D.O. (2006). Social Psychology (12th Ed). New Delhi: Pearson.