Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

PSY 260     Social Psychology

CREDIT HOURS:  3.00

CONTACT HOURS:  45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course is an introduction to social psychology. It includes social influence processes, group
dynamics, attitude formation interpersonal attraction, intimacy, aggression and discrimination.

PREREQUISITES:  PSY 101

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. To understand the definition of Social Psychology.
2. To become aware of the concept of human behavior from the Social Psychology
   perspective.
3. To recognize the basic concepts of the major theories and research findings of Social
   Psychologist
4. To comprehend various research and application methods used by Social Psychologists
   when studying human behavior.
5. To recognize the impact social pressure in the developmental process of conformity and
   obedience in human behavior.
6. To acquire knowledge pertaining to attribution versus persuasion as a means for
   Modifying Behavior as seen in practical life situation.
7. To learn the application of the field of Social Psychology in: Conformity and Obedience,
   Mass Communication, Social Cognition, Self-Justification, Human Aggression,
   Prejudice, and Interpersonal Sensitivity and its impact on human behavior.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:
Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation,
group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of
these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:
90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E