



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B.A. (H) Psychology
Paper Title:	Social Behaviour and Group Interactions
Unique Paper Code:	DSE-1
Semester:	III
Faculty:	Ms. Simran Bodh
Year:	2026

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I	Unit I: Communication and Culture	1	Language and communication
I		2	Verbal communication
I		3	Nonverbal communication
I		4	Culture: locating culture in social psychology
I		5	Culture and history
I		6	Culture, thought, and behavior
I		7	Contact between cultures
I		8	Culture and social behaviour
I		9	Communication and culture
I		10	Cultural context of communication
I		11	Culture, thought, and behaviour
I		12	Review of Communication and Culture
II	Unit II: Interpersonal Relationships	13	Interpersonal relationships
II		14	Evolution and attraction
II		15	What increases liking, attraction and rewards
II		16	Interpersonal attraction
II		17	Interpersonal attraction
II		18	Prejudice: nature and dimensions
II		19	Prejudiced attitudes
II		20	Targets of prejudice

II		21	Effects of prejudice
II		22	Prejudice and interpersonal relationships
II		23	Nature and dimensions of prejudice
II		24	Prejudiced attitudes and targets of prejudice
II		25	Effects of prejudice
II		26	Interpersonal attraction and prejudice
II		27	Review of Interpersonal Relationship
III	Unit III: Social Influence Processes	28	Social influence processes
III		29	Obedience
III		30	Compliance
III		31	Conformity
III		32	Obedience and social influence
III		33	Compliance and social influence
III		34	Conformity and social influence
III		35	Social influence in everyday behaviour
III		36	Review of Social Influence Processes
IV	Unit IV: Group Processes and Decision Making	37	Basic features of groups
IV		38	Status, norms, roles, and cohesiveness
IV		39	Group interaction
IV		40	Facilitation and loafing
IV		41	Group decision making
IV		42	Rules governing group decisions
IV		43	Brainstorming and group decision making
IV		44	Groupthink
IV		45	Group polarization

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	Communication: language and nonverbal communication; Culture: locating culture in social psychology, culture and history, culture, thought, and behavior, contact between cultures.
II	Interpersonal Relationship: evolution and attraction, what increases liking, attraction, and rewards; Prejudice: nature and dimensions, prejudiced attitudes, targets of prejudice, effects of prejudice.

III	Social Influence Processes: obedience, compliance, and conformity.
IV	Group Processes and Decision Making: basic features of groups (status, norms, roles, cohesiveness), group interaction (facilitation, loafing); group decision making: rules governing group decisions, brainstorming, group memory, groupthink, group polarization.

S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
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2.	Franzoi, S.L. (2009). Social Psychology (5th ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.
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4.	Taylor, S.E., Peplau, L.A., & Sears, D.O. (2006). Social Psychology (12th ed.). New Delhi: Pearson.
5.	Baumeister, R.F., & Bushman, B.J. (2018). Social Psychology and Human Nature. New Delhi: Cengage Learning.
6.	Forsyth, D.R. (2019). Group Dynamics (7th ed.). Boston: Cengage.
7.	Mishra, A.K., Akoijam, A.B., & Misra, G. (2009). Social psychological perspectives on self and identity. In G. Misra (Ed.), Psychology in India, Vth ICSSR Survey of Psychology. New Delhi: Pearson.
8.	Smith, P.B., & Bond, M.H. (1999). Social Psychology: Across Cultures (2nd ed.). Allyn & Bacon.

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	0
Practical component: NIL. Tutorial Component: 15 Hrs.			

S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment • Assignment • Class Test • Attendance	12+12+6	30
2	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) • Tutorial activities • Attendance	20+15+5	40
3	Practical • NIL	NIL	NIL

4	End Semester Examination	90	90
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