

Department	Sociology	
Course Code	SUPE 204	
Course Title	Basic Concepts of Social Psychology	
No. of Credits	03	
Pre-requisites	None	
Core/ Supplementary	Supplementary	
Aim(s): To provide knowledge of the basic concepts of Social Psychology.		
Intended Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of the course, the students should be able to:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the basic concepts of Social Psychology. • Describe and comment on the basic concepts of Social Psychology. • Apply basic concepts of Social Psychology to everyday life. 		
Time Allocation (Hours):	Lectures: 45	Notional Hours: 150
Course content/Course description: Introduction to social psychology: definition, characteristics, history; attraction: introduction to attraction, belonging and wellbeing, culture and close relationships; friendship:liking and friendship, animal and human liking; love: types of love, common elements of loving relationships, passionate love and companionate love, gender differences in love marriage and love; conformity: types of conformity, studies on conformity, reasons for conformity, adaptive conformity, blind conformity;attitude definitions: types of attitude, attitude formation, attitude change: role of communication; aggression: reasons / causes for aggression, approaches to aggression, expression of aggression, controlling and preventing aggression; prejudice: definitions, reasons for prejudice, types of prejudice: racism, gender, elimination of prejudice; counselling:importance and types: guidance, advice; counselee and counsellor, preliminary condition of counselling, counselling process.		
Recommended Texts (if any):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • බණ්ඩාරනායක අහස(1994) සමාජමනෝවිද්‍යාවේ මූලික සංකල්ප සාරප්‍රකාශන කොට්ටාව • Baron, RA& Byrne, D (2003) Social Psychology, Prentice-Hall of India private Limited, New Delhi-110 001 • Pinnawala, Mallika(2014)<i>Prejudice and Discrimination: A Social Psychological Analysis</i> <i>Prathimana</i>, No 09., Annual Journal Department of Sociology, University of Ruhuna, Matara (in Sinhala) • Pinnawala, Mallika (2012)<i>Counselling: A Theoretical Analysis</i>,<i>Prathimana</i>, Annual Journal Department of Sociology, University of Ruhuna,No7, August (in Sinhala) • Pinnawala, Mallika (2003) <i>Theoretical analyzes of Aggression in Samaja Vimasuma</i>, Department of Sociology, University of Peradeniya.(in Sinhala) 		
Assessment	Percentage Mark	
End-Course Examination	100%	