

Am I Ready to Challenge PSY 320 Social Psychology?

Challenge Exam Information Psychology 320: Social Psychology

This document is intended for student self-assessment purposes only. Please review it carefully to help you determine if you believe you are ready for the Challenge Exam for the course indicated above. Your self-assessment is not a guarantee that you will pass the Challenge Exam. Faculty with expertise in the subject matter/course outcomes evaluate whether your exam provides sufficient evidence that you have demonstrated appropriate college-level mastery of the course content. Enrolling in the course may be your best option.

What do I need to know for this exam?

Course Objectives:

You will need to be able to demonstrate that you know about & can do the following.

- Explain the primary theoretical perspectives of social psychology.
- Identify and analyze the antecedents of human social behavior.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the facts, concepts, principles, and theories of social psychology, including in the areas of social cognition, the self, social perception, social influence, persuasion, prosocial behavior, aggression, affiliation, love/romance, prejudice, and group psychology.
- Demonstrate knowledge of social psychological research methods.
- Apply the theories and principles of social psychology in the analysis of everyday behavior.
- Demonstrate insight into your own and others' behavior and mental processes.

What can I do to prepare for this exam?

Course Textbook:

To diligently prepare for this exam it would be best to review these learning objectives in a college level Social Psychology textbook. Our recommendation is to use the following text for review:

Barrett, D.W. (2016). *Social Psychology: Core Concepts and Emerging Trends*.
Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.
ISBN: 9781506310602

What is the format of this exam?

Challenge Exam Description:

This exam is worth **150 points** and you will be given **three hours** to complete multiple choice (100 questions @1 pt each), matching (30 questions in 6 blocks of 5 @1 pt each), and short answer (5 questions @ 4 pts each) questions.

How many points do I need to successfully pass the challenge exam?

Determination of Challenge Exam Outcome:

You will need to earn $\geq 105/150$ pts to pass the challenge exam, and you must pass each section of the exam (multiple choice, matching, and short answer) by earning at least 70% of the points available.

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What types of question can I expect to see on the exam?

Example Exam Items:

A. Dr. Cantor argues that how people interpret the world affects their social behavior, supporting which basic principle of social psychology?

- a. Social behavior is caused by both situations and dispositions.
- b. Social behavior is cultural.
- c. Social behavior is influenced by individual construal.
- d. Social behavior is purposive.

B. A person who believes that the odds of a coin coming up heads are greater after having just come up tails rather than heads in the last flip is exhibiting the:

- a. illusion of control.
- b. gambler's fallacy.
- c. hot hand illusion.
- d. fundamental attribution error.

C. Instrumental aggression is:

- a. another name for hostile aggression.
- b. another name for emotional aggression.
- c. intended to harm someone in order to achieve a nonaggressive goal.
- d. intended to harm someone but always results from negative emotions.

D. Describe the four attachment styles and state what kind of relationships people with each of the styles is likely to have.

Answers: A. c; B. b; C. d; D. Psychologists have identified two major dimensions along which attachments vary: anxiety and avoidance, which refer to mental models of the self and other, respectively. The anxiety dimension reflects the positivity (or negativity) of a person's self-worth, and refers to a person's desire for a close, dependent relationship with a partner, along with concern that the partner will be available and responsive. The avoidance dimension reflects discomfort with a close, dependent relationship coupled with a fear of intimacy and desire for emotional distance. Crossing these two dimensions produces four attachment styles: secure, anxious/ambivalent or preoccupied, dismissing avoidant, and fearful avoidant. Secure individuals have both low anxiety (high self-worth) and avoidance, are comfortable with close relationships, and are not afraid of dependence or of abandonment. Preoccupied individuals have high anxiety (low self-worth) and low avoidance; they desire close relationships with others who can validate the self, but they also worry about abandonment. Dismissing avoidant persons have low anxiety (high self-worth) and avoid close relationships, essentially dismissing them as unnecessary. Finally, people who exhibit the fearful avoidant style have high anxiety (low self-worth) and high avoidance, and tend not enter into close relationships.

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Where can I take the exam?

Exam Location

- The exam is on file at the LCSC Testing Center.

Who should a student contact about a challenge exam for PSYC 320: Social Psychology?

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PSY 320 Challenge Exam Rubric

Question Type	Performance Level	
	Not Passing	Passing
	Has Entry-level Abilities or Knowledge: Student demonstrated minimal knowledge of and minimal ability to apply and describe course concepts	Meets or Exceeds Expectations: Student demonstrated satisfactory knowledge and ability to apply, define, or describe course concepts
Multiple Choice	≤69/150 questions	≥ 70
Matching	≤ 20/30 questions	≥ 21 questions
Short Answer	≤ 13/20 points	≥ 14 points
	Passing Grade	≥ 105 pts