



Knowing Humans – greatest psychological experiments (8 weeks from 22.10, 5.15pm, ul. Litewska 14/16)

1. Imprint	
Faculty name:	2nd Faculty of Medicine
Education program (<i>field of study, level and educational profile, form of studies, e.g., Public Health, 1st level studies, practical profile, full time</i>):	English Division, 2 st level studies, practical profile, full time
Academic year:	2019/2020
Module/subject name:	Knowing Humans – greatest psychological experiments (8 weeks from 22.10, 5.15pm, ul. Litewska 14/16)
Subject code (<i>from the Pensum system</i>):	
Educational units:	Department of Medical Psychology & Medical Communication ul. Litewska 14/16 00-575 Warszawa Tel. +48 22 116 92 11
Head of the unit/s:	Professor Krzysztof Owczarek, MA, PhD
Study year (<i>the year during which the respective subject is taught</i>):	All years
Study semester (<i>the semester during which the respective subject is taught</i>):	1 st semester
Module/subject type (<i>basic, corresponding to the field of study, optional</i>):	Basic
Teachers (<i>names and surnames and degrees of all academic teachers of respective subjects</i>):	Magdalena Łazarewicz, MA, PhD
ERASMUS YES/NO (<i>Is the subject available for students under the ERASMUS programme?</i>):	YES
A person responsible for the syllabus (<i>a person to which all comments to the syllabus should be reported</i>):	Magdalena Łazarewicz, MA, PhD magdalena.lazarewicz@wum.edu.pl
Number of ECTS credits:	2
2. Educational goals and aims	

<p>1. The aim of this class is to broaden students' knowledge and deepen their understanding of the mechanisms of human functioning through a thorough discussion of specific psychological experiments addressing different aspects of human functioning.</p> <p>2. A number of controversial experiments will be discussed to serve as a basis for a discussion on ethics in experiments on humans and the meaning of "being human" .</p>		
3. Initial requirements		
<i>None</i>		
4. Learning outcomes corresponding to the subject		
A list of course learning outcomes		
Symbol of course learning outcomes	Description of course learning outcomes	The reference to programme learning outcomes (number)
W1	Being familiar with the selected social psychology experiments. Basic understanding of human nature and the nature of evil.	-
W2	Understanding of human functioning in a group, group roles and dynamics, obedience, stereotyping and conformity.	-
W3	Being familiar with selected experiments and theories on functioning of human memory and cognitive processes	-
W4	Knowledge of the methodology of social psychology experiments, ethics of experiments with human subjects.	-
5. Forms of classes		
<i>Form</i>	<i>Number of hours</i>	<i>Number of groups</i>
<i>Lecture</i>	-	-
<i>Seminar</i>	30	1 (max. 24 participants)
<i>Practical classes</i>	-	-
6. Subject topics and educational contents		
<p>S1- Seminar 1 – What happened in Abu Ghraib? Part 1 - Stanford prison experiment (P. Zimbardo) and BBC Prison Study (A. Haslam and S. Reicher) - W1, W2 - Magdalena Lazarewicz, MA, PhD</p> <p>S2 - Seminar 2 – What happened in Abu Ghraib? Part 2 – Obedience and authority (S. Milgram); Brown eyes-blue eyes (J. Elliot); The Pygmalion effect and the Golem Effect (R. Rosenthal), The third wave – W1-W2 - Magdalena Lazarewicz, MA, PhD</p> <p>S3 – Seminar 3 – Why hasn't anyone helped Kitty Genovese? - The bystander effect (B. Latane and J. Harley) and Conformity (S. Asch) - Magdalena Lazarewicz, MA, PhD</p> <p>S4 – Seminar 4 – Being a part of a grup – Group dynamics & group roles – W1-W2 - Magdalena Lazarewicz, MA, PhD</p> <p>S5 – Seminar 5 – Heuristics, Memory and cognitive processing - Heuristics (Kahneman), Cognitive dissonance (L. Festinger), How much do we remember? (E.Lotus) – W3 - Magdalena Lazarewicz, MA, PhD</p> <p>S6 – Seminar 6 – On being sane in insane places - hospital experiment by D. Rosenhan, what does it meant to be normal? Norms and stereotypes - W4 - Magdalena Lazarewicz, MA, PhD</p>		

S7-S8 – Seminar 7 and Seminar 8 – Knowing humans - Students' presentations – W1-W4 - Magdalena Lazarewicz, MA, PhD

7. Methods of verification of learning outcomes

Learning outcome corresponding to the subject (symbol)	Forms of classes (symbol)	Methods of verification of a learning outcome	Credit receiving criteria
W1-W4	S	Presentation or essay	Minimal acceptable level of performance on the learning outcome

8. Evaluation criteria

Form of receiving credit in a subject: CREDIT

Grade	criteria
2.0 (failed)	-
3.0 (satisfactory)	-
3.5 (rather good)	-
4.0 (good)	-
4.5 (more than good)	-
5.0 (very good)	-

9. Literature

Obligatory literature:

- All obligatory reading materials will be provided by a lecturer in video or .pdf files

Supplementary literature:

- Gerrig, R. J., Zimbardo, P. G. et al. (2014) Psychology and Life, 19th Edition. PEARSON.
- Zimbardo, P. G. (2008) The Lucifer Effect. How good people turn evil. RIDER.

10. ECTS credits calculation

<i>Form of activity</i>	<i>Number of hours</i>	<i>Number of ECTS credits</i>
Direct hours with an academic teacher:		
Lectures	-	-
Seminars	30	1.25
Practical classes	-	-
Student's independent work (examples of the form of work):		
Student's preparation for a seminar	5	.25

Student's preparation for a class	-	-
Preparation for obtaining credits	10	.5
Other (please specify)	-	-
Sum	45	2

11. Additional Information

It is an 8 week course beginning in the 4th week of the first semester (22.10). Suggested time: Tuesdays 5:15pm. The first class lasts longer (5:15pm-8:30pm) due to watching a long video material. The rest of the classes finish at 8pm (the timing of the class may change slightly, depending on dr Łazarewicz's exact schedule next semester; the new dates and hours will be confirmed with all students who signed for the course).

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Attendance: one absence is accepted.

Active participation in exercises and discussions is expected.

Class latecoming is generally not tolerated. Being late for over 15 minutes counts as an absence. Recurring shorter latecoming is a basis for additional work: a short presentation or a report (depending on the missed material).

The Department of Medical Psychology and Medical Communication runs the Psychological Students Science Club "Psyche" (in English) (contact information: [magdalena.lazarewicz@wum.edu.pl](mailto:magdalenalazarewicz@wum.edu.pl)).

Signature of the Head of the Unit

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