Syllabus
For IV\textsuperscript{th} Semester
Core Courses in
Psychology
(November 2017 onwards)

Contents:
Theory Syllabus for Courses:
A.PSY.4.01 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
A.PSY.4.02 DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
IVth Semester Syllabus for Core Courses in Psychology, St. Xavier’s College –Autonomous, Mumbai.

SYBA Course: A.PSY.4.01
Title: Social Psychology

Learning Objectives:
1. To ensure understanding of Social Psychology
2. To acquaint students with classic and contemporary research in Social Psychology
3. To further students’ knowledge of basic research methodology
4. To develop critical thinking and application skills with respect to the subject matter of Social Psychology and life in general
5. To introduce students to the link between Social Psychology and Personality

Number of lectures: 45

UNIT 1 SOCIAL COGNITION (15 lectures)
● Social Cognition v/s Social Perception
● Schemas and their role in Social Cognitive Processes
● Person Memory
● Social Inferences
● Errors and Biases in Social Cognition

UNIT 2 ATTITUDES AND PREJUDICE (15 lectures)
● Attitudes (concept, dimensions, acquisition)
● Cognitive Dissonance (theory and application)
● Persuasion (and resistance to persuasion)
● Prejudice
● Discrimination

UNIT 3 INTERPERSONAL ATTRACTION (15 lectures)
● Concept of Interpersonal Attraction
● Determinants of Interpersonal Attraction
● Falling in and out of love
● Personality theory (with a social psychological orientation)

List of Recommended Reference Books


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**SYBA**

**Course: A.PSY.4.02**

**Title:** Developmental Psychology

**Learning Objectives:**

1. To ensure understanding of important concepts, major theories and research methodology of developmental psychology.
2. To inculcate knowledge of developmental milestones from conception to death.
3. To create awareness of the complex interaction of factors governing physical, cognitive and social-emotional development at different life stages.
4. To develop critical thinking and application skills with respect to the subject matter of developmental psychology and life in general.
5. To introduce students to the link between developmental psychology and personality.

**Number of lectures: 45**
UNIT 1  ADOLESCENCE  (15 lectures)
- Physical development, puberty, health
- Cognitive development & abstract thought
- Emotional issues, depression, suicide
- Social development, relationships family and friends
- Sexuality
- Challenges /issues

UNIT 2  EARLY & MIDDLE ADULTHOOD  (15 lectures)
- Cognitive development in early adulthood
- Psychosocial development in early adulthood
- Parenting as a developmental experience
- Mid life transition / changes
- Challenges & issues in middle adulthood

UNIT 3  LATE ADULTHOOD  (15 lectures)
- Physical & cognitive changes
- Social & emotional challenges
- Death, bereavement & grief
- Geriatric care & services with emphasis on Indian context
- Policies and legal laws that protect the elderly in the city

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