

# GRADUATE SPECIALITY AREA – Social Psychology



DEPARTMENT OF  
**SOCIOLOGY**  
College of Arts and Sciences

## WHY STUDY SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY?

Social psychology studies the nature of social interaction and interpersonal relationships, how various social settings and individuals' roles are interconnected, and the various factors which influence small group dynamics (e.g., work groups, study groups, youth societies, groups of friends, teams, juries, clubs, task groups in experimental research). Social Psychologists examine how individuals' perceptions, belief systems, moralities, identities, and behaviors are influenced by their positions in social space (and how the former may also influence these positions and larger structural arrangements).

Oklahoma State University faculty interests include: group processes, social exchange, social networks, sport and leisure, organizational behavior and change, adolescence and young adulthood, law and crime, stratification, and community sociology.

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### SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE COURSES:

- SOC 5323: *SEMINAR ON COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL MOVEMENTS*
- SOC 5990: *ADVANCED TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY*
- SOC 6653: *SEMINAR IN SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY*