



# PSY263e Group Dynamics

**Level:** 2

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY SEMESTER

**E-Learning:** BLENDED - Learning is done MAINLY online using interactive study materials in Canvas. Students receive guidance and support from online instructors via discussion forums and emails. This is supplemented with SOME face-to-face sessions. If the course has an exam component, this will be administered on-campus.

## Synopsis:

Over the course of history, the world that we live may have changed but one element of our existence still remains. That is, we are still social creatures even till today. Relationships with others play an important role in every individual's life and hence, it is no surprise that social scientists take such great interest in studying the human groups.

Adopting a scientific approach, this module will explore how psychological processes underscore human interactions in groups. Topics to be covered include group formation and development, leadership, power, group decision making and group effectiveness.

Upon successful completion of the course you are expected to be able to:

- Explain what a group is.
- Recognise and explain the reasons why individuals seek out group memberships.
- Explain what social identity is.
- Identify and explain what types of individuals are likely to seek out group memberships.
- Explain the impact of cohesion in group.
- Explain what social influence is.
- Explain what social power is and how it influences processes in groups.
- Discuss the various approaches in understanding leadership.
- State what social facilitation is and discuss how social facilitation affects group performance.
- Identify and explain the challenges that would affect the effectiveness of group decision making.

## Topics:

- Introduction to Group Dynamics
- Inclusion and Identity
- Formation
- Cohesion and Development
- Influence
- Power
- Leadership
- Performance
- Decision Making

## Textbooks:

Forsyth, D.R.: Group Dynamics. (etext) (7th ed.). Wadsworth Cengage Learning.  
ISBN-13: 9789814844833

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**Learning Outcome:**

- Demonstrate how the major theories and models of group dynamics, such as social comparison, social influence, group polarization/groupthink, and social facilitation/inhibition explain human behaviour and interactions in groups
- Describe the various theories and concepts of group dynamics
- Explain the importance and findings of the major theories and models of group dynamics.
- Compare and contrast the different theories and concepts and be able to differentiate them.
- Use the relevant research techniques and findings to study and explain group dynamics
- Apply the knowledge and theories of group dynamics to the interactions in daily social life.
- Analyze some of the issues that people encounter in their social lives using theories of group dynamics.
- Examine the impact of social groups in real-life (e.g., well-being, decision-making, group productivity and processes).

**Assessment Strategies:**

<b>Continuous Assessment Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	5
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	5
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	20
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	20
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

<b>Examinable Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
Written Exam	50
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

**Weightage Total** **100**