Social influence techniques in research and real life

Basic information about the subject (independent of the cycle)

Module name	Social influence techniques in research and real life
Erasmus code	
ISCED code	
Language of instruction	English
Website	
Prerequisites	
ECTS points hour equivalents	Contact hours (work with an academic teacher): 30
	Total number of hours with an academic teacher : 30
	Number of ECTS points with an academic teacher: 1,5
	Non-contact hours (students' own work): 40
	Total number of non-contact hours :40
	Number of ECTS points for non-contact hours: 2,5
	Total number of ECTS points for the module: 4
Educational outcomes verification methods	Activity during classes, presentations
Description	During this course, students will learn about compliance
	gaining techniques through an exciting subfield of social
	psychology: social influence. Selected theories
	concerning the impact of social influence in everyday life
	will be discussed. However, primarily students will learn
	about different experimentally tested social influence
	tactics along with techniques for increasing credibility
	and attraction. An important part of this course will be the
	focus on the unethical side of using social influence,
	coercion and manipulation (e.g., in cults, frauds etc.).
Reading list	Pratkanis, A. R. (2011). The science of social
	influence: Advances and future progress.
	Psychology Press.
	 Cialdini, R. B., & Goldstein, N. J. (2004). Social
	influence: Compliance and conformity. Annu. Rev.
	Psychol., 55, 591-621.
Educational outcomes	KNOWLEDGE
	Student understands the basic concepts of social
	influence and is familiar with compliance gaining tactics.
	Student is aware of ethical considerations when using
	social influence.

	SKILLS
	Student is able to recognize social influence tactics that
	can occur in everyday situations and is able to use them
	under ethical considerations.
	ATTITUDES
	Student presents an attitude of curiosity, involvement
	and critical thinking.
Practice	

Information about classes in the cycle

Website	
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Comments	At the beginning of the course students will be informed
	about the details of course final assessment. Additional
	literature will be provided by the teacher during the
	course.
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A list of topics	Social influence as an inseparable element of social
	life – what are the mechanisms?
	Compliance gaining tactics: an overview
	Sequential techniques
	Techniques based on cognitive mechanisms
	Techniques based on emotional mechanisms
	• The dark side of social influence: cults, frauds and

	coercion
	The importance of ethical consideration while
	gaining compliance
Teaching methods	exercises, lecture, discussion, case studies, movies,
	projects
Assessment methods	activity during classes, presentations