

COURSE DETAIL

SOCIAL MINDS: THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CONNECTION AND DIVISION

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford

Program(s)

Summer in Oxford, Lady Margaret Hall

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Psychology

UCEAP Course Number

108

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

SOCIAL MINDS: THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CONNECTION AND DIVISION

UCEAP Transcript Title

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course explores how group identities are formed, how individuals understand themselves in relation to others, and how both connection and division emerge within and between social and political groups. Drawing on key theories, cutting-edge research, and global case studies, students examine the psychological mechanisms that shape social relations including how people connect, cooperate, and sometimes come into conflict.

From group belonging and everyday social interactions to the psychological roots of intergroup bias, and polarization, the course traces how social minds are shaped by identity, group life and the broader social and political context. It then moves into real-world applications, exploring how ideas from social psychology can help us to better understand division and conflict as well as foster connection and promote social change. This course also considers the role of social media and how it can both drive conflict and foster connection.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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<https://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/social-minds-psychology-connection-division>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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