

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: PSYC-130-Contemporary Issues
CLASS SECTION: D03

TERM: 2024F

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): asynchronous/ fully online

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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HOURS: Office Hour Mondays 10:30-11:30 and Wednesday 9:30 -10:30 in course ZOOM. Flexible office hours in course zoom by appointment at a time convenient to both student and instructor.

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course acquaints students with major contemporary issues in psychology and considers their historical antecedents. Topics include the application of psychological knowledge on life span development, personality, abnormal behaviour, social cognition, social influence, and social relations to a variety of contemporary social issues. Topics vary with instructor and changing problems.

PREREQUISITE(S): One of C in English 12 or C in Camosun Alternative

CO-REQUISITE(S): See Pre-requisites

EQUIVALENCIES: Not Applicable

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Describe major contemporary issues in psychology and explain their historical antecedents.
2. Apply psychological theories and understanding of current psychological issues to personal experience.
3. Conduct impartial studies of psychological topics and arrive at logical inferences and conclusions from collected data.

Camosun College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the territories of the Lək'wəŋən (Songhees and Kosapsum) and WSÁNEĆ peoples. We honour their knowledge and welcome to all students who seek education here.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

<p>E-Book</p>	<p>E-Book: Myers, David. (2021). Psychology (13th.Ed.). New York, USA. Worth Publishers: ISBN: 978-1-319-13210-1 students can purchase hard copy or rent the digital textbook through Vital source, our campus bookstore’s ecommerce partner. https://www.camosuncollegebookstore.ca/buy_access_codes.asp</p> <p><u>Or: The 13th ed., Vol 2 customized PS 130 ISBN-13: 978-1319543518 sold in the bookstore</u></p>
<p>Achieve</p>	<p>ISBN-13: 9781319543518</p> <p>Course URL: https://achieve.macmillanlearning.com/courses/pwazqy</p> <p>Register on to Achieve for study tools such as video, chapter quizzes, and tutorials. Course ID: pwazqy</p>
<p>Course -pack</p>	<p>Lenihan, B. (2021) Student course pack of partial notes on each chapter in a PTF file on D2L to print. ALTERNATIVELY, PPT slides of partial notes on each chapter on d2L in a Word document, and also course pack of notes are sold in the Lansdowne campus bookstore.</p>
<p>This course is supported by D2L</p>	<p>This course is fully online with all materials and information organized according to modules. All access to course content and information, one assignment, four discussion posts, eight-chapter reviews, and one final exam are located under Tools on the navigation bar in D2L. Partial chapter notes and chapter audio recordings creates easy access.</p> <p>In a fully online course delivery, offering flexibility and accommodation are primary and requires strong and ongoing communication with instructor, along with best study practices.</p> <hr/>

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced noticed is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning/academic-accommodations-exams). <https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning/academic-accommodations-exams>

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
ONE assignment from three topics to choose from	15%
Final Examination (Scheduled during exam week)	25%

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Eight Chapter Reviews: (5% each x8)	40%
Four Discussion Posts (5% x4)	20%
TOTAL	100%

Reading Topics	Monthly Module	Chapters	Requirements	Wednesday quizzes written in D2L access until 7:30pm. All other requirements due Thursday online 7:30pm
Prologue	September	Introduction	Chapter Review 1	Sept. 11th
Intelligence		Chapter 10	Discussion Post	Sept. 19st
Intelligence		Chapter 10	Chapter Review 2	Sept. 25th
Social Psychology	October	Chapter 13	Media Assign.	Oct. 03th
Social Psychology		Chapter 13	Chapter Review 3	Oct. 09th
Life Span Development		Chapter 05	Discussion Post	Oct. 17th
Life Span Development		Chapter 05	Chapter Review 4	Oct. 23rd
Health Psychology	November	Chapter 12	Discussion Post Chapter Review 5	Oct. 31st Nov. 06th
Personality Development		Chapter 14	Chapter Review 6	Nov. 13th
Psychological Disorders		Chapter 15	Pamphlet Assign	Nov. 21st
Psychological Disorders		Chapter 15	Discussion Post Chapter Review 7	Nov. 21st Nov 20th
Treatment		Chapter 16	Research Paper	Nov. 28th
Treatment		Chapter 16	Chapter Review	December 4th
Final Examination		Scheduled during exam week		TBA

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

WEEK or DATE RANGE MONDAY	CHAPTER READING /TOPIC	Quizzes written WEDNESDAY in D2L/Quizzes. All other requirements due Thursday at 7:30pm
Sept 03	Course Introduction	Navigate through course
Sept 09	Chapter Prologue	Chapter Review
Sept 16	Chapter 10 Intelligence	Discussion Post
Sept 23	Chapter 10 Intelligence	Chapter Review
Sept 30	Chapter 13 Social Psychology	Media Assignment Option 1
Oct. 07	Chapter 13 Social Psychology	Chapter Review
Oct. 14	Chapter 05 th Life Span Development	Discussion Post
Oct. 21	Chapter 05 th Life Span Development	Chapter Review
Oct. 28	Chapter 12 th Health Psychology	Discussion Post Chapter Review
Nov. 04	Chapter 14 Personality Development	Chapter Review
Nov. 11	Chapter 15 Psychological Disorders	Pamphlet Option 2 Discussion Post
Nov. 18	Chapter 15 Psychological Disorders	Chapter Review
Nov. 25	Chapter 16 Treatment	Reflection/Research paper Option 3
Dec. 02	Chapter 16 Treatment	Chapter Review
Dec. 09-13	Final Scheduled Examination	TBA

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Camosun Psychology Club Information

During the fall and winter semesters, the Psych Club meets each Friday at 1:30pm.

Journal of Camosun Psychology Research

Discover how to publish research. <https://cc.arcabc.ca/islandora/object/cc%3Apsycjournal>

American Psychological Association

The hub of our discipline <https://www.apa.org>

Canadian Psychological Association

The Canadian hub of our discipline <https://cpa.ca/>

Co-operative Education & Career Services

Learn about how to access a co-op experience for your career. <https://camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services/contact-co-operative-education-and-career>

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit camosun.ca/services.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/academic-advising
Accessible Learning	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning
Counselling	camosun.ca/services/health-and-wellness/counselling-centre
Career Services	camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services
Financial Aid and Awards	camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	camosun.ca/programs-courses/iecc/indigenous-student-services
International Student Support	camosun.ca/international
Learning Skills	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills
Library	camosun.ca/services/library
Office of Student Support	camosun.ca/services/office-student-support
Ombudsperson	camosun.ca/services/ombudsperson
Registration	camosun.ca/registration-records/registration
Technology Support	camosun.ca/services/its
Writing Centre	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to comply with all College policy regarding academic integrity; which is about honest and ethical behaviour in your education journey. The following guide is designed to help you understand your responsibilities: <https://camosun.libguides.com/academicintegrity/welcome>
Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.13.pdf> for Camosun's Academic Integrity policy and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Camosun College is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging appropriate academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. If you are a student with a documented disability and think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) and register as early as possible. Please visit the CAL website for more information about the process of registering with CAL, including important deadlines: <https://camosun.ca/cal>

Academic Progress

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2023-02/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <https://camosun.ca/registration-records/tuition-fees#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal (see [Medical/Compassionate Withdrawals policy](#)). Please visit <https://camosun.ca/services/forms#medical> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence Policy: <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence-support-and-education.

To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-370-3841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Looking for other policies?

The full suite of College policies and directives can be found here: <https://camosun.ca/about/camosun-college-policies-and-directives>

Changes to this Syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.

