

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: PSYC-154-Interpersonal Skills

CLASS SECTION: 004

TERM: 2025W

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Lecture

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

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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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 uses an experiential approach to develop self-awareness and increased understanding of others. Both communication theory and practical skills will be covered while working towards the goal of achieving successful and creative interpersonal relationships.

PRE or CO-REQUISITE(S):

One of:

C in English 12

C in Camosun Alternative

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

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

Identify key concepts describing interpersonal communication.

Describe basic principles and theories of communication.

Analyze personal life events using course vocabulary, concepts and theory.

Demonstrate active listening in sample interviews and observations.

Work collaboratively through the application of active listening skills and conflict resolution skills.

Describe, evaluate and demonstrate the components of empathy.

Differentiate between a person's (self or other) thoughts, feelings, and behaviours.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

1. Interplay by Adler, Rosenfeld, Proctor and Winder. 2020 5th. Canadian Edition (or 4th Cdn edition)
Or if you prefer you can get a Digital version:
https://www.campusbookstore.com/integration/AccessCodes/default.aspx?bookseller_id=290&Course=PSYC+154-003%2c+004%2c+005&frame=YES&t=permalink
2. Psyc 154 Coursepack
3. Webpage for the course is on D2L (Go to Camosun.ca and click on 'D2L' at the top)

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.

WEEK	TOPIC	Required readings	Written Assignments
1	Introduction	Ch 1	
2	Beliefs	pp. 40-53 (4 th ed. pp 40-54)	
3	Perception	Ch 3	
4	Emotions	Ch 4	
5	Diversity	198-203 (language), 216-217 (nonverbal), 250-252 (intimacy), 321-323(conflict) (4 th ed. pp. 22-27, 95-101, 207-213, 226, 263-267, 340-343)	
6	Test #1 Feb 7th		
7	Listening	Ch 5	
8	Listening		
9	Verbal	Ch 6 & 61-78, Not 198-204 (4th ed. Ch6, & 61-79 Not 207-213)	
10	Nonverbal	Ch 7	
11	Test #2 March 18th		
12	Development and Change	Ch 8	Listening skills March 20th
13	Positive aspects		
14	Challenges	Ch 9 and 10	Course Impact April 12th
	Test #3	To be scheduled during the final exam period	

College closed Feb 17th – 21st.

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 notice 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)

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Tests Students will complete three non-cumulative tests. They will be composed of multiple choice and short answer questions. The third test will be scheduled during the final exam period.	65% (25,20,20%)
In-class assignments In class requiring personal reflection or illustrating various theories and concepts will be assigned and completed throughout the course. In class activities can only be completed in class, therefore attendance is extremely important.	15%
Application Papers/Written assignments (2) Students will reflect on, analyze, and describe their own interpersonal experiences. This includes applying course content and skills to their lives. Late papers are penalized 5% per day. No papers will be accepted 1 week after their due date. Submit papers via D2L drop box unless otherwise specified. See last page for details	15%
Practice quizzes These appear on the D2L website and are completed on a weekly basis. Students are responsible for ensuring completion prior to the deadlines.	5%
TOTAL	100%

Grading system

Percentage	Grade	Percentage	Grade
90-100	A+	70-72	B-
85-89	A	65-69	C+
80-84	A-	60-64	C
77-79	B+	50-59	D
73-76	B	0-49	F

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information. <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Lecture Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes and be on time. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to acquire all information given during that class, including notes, hand-outs, changed exam dates, announcements, etc.

Technology

Exams:

No electronic devices are allowed during exams. This includes, but is not limited to; headphones, computers, electronic dictionaries, electronic translators, cell phones, tablets, and other personal electronic devices.

Class:

Student's use of laptops/tablets in class is restricted to note taking. Students using their laptops/tablets for other purposes will have their laptop privileges revoked.

All cell phones must be turned off and put away during class (Unless prior permission is obtained).

Students may not use recording devices in the classroom without prior permission of the instructor. Should permission for recordings be granted, these recordings are for the student's personal use only, and distribution of recorded material is prohibited.

Exam Procedures

All exams must be written at the scheduled times with the exception of students requiring an accommodation by CAL (Centre for Accessible Learning). It is understood that emergency circumstances do occur (e.g. severe illness or family emergency); for such circumstances accommodation may be offered at the discretion of the instructor, provided the student: a) notifies the instructor in advance of the exam (not after), and b) provides documented evidence of the circumstance (e.g. medical certificate).

If an exam is missed with an excused absence, it is up to the instructor's discretion as to how the mark will be made up.

Be sure not to make travel plans for the end of semester until the final exam schedules are finalized and posted. Please ask any family members who might make travel plans on your behalf to consult you before booking tickets.

Studying

You should plan on a weekly minimum of 6 hours outside of scheduled class time for the completion of readings, assignments, and for general studying.

Reviewing, filling out, and editing your lecture notes right after class is recommended.

Contact the instructor to clarify any confusing concepts.

Distributed studying has been proven to be far more effective than massed practice (cramming).

Testing yourself on the material (answering questions) is far superior to simply rereading notes/textbook.

FAQ

If I get a grade on an assignment or test I don't like can I redo it? No

Can I do the in-class assignment on my own at home? No

Can I do extra work to improve my grade? No

Can I just have more marks/percentage points to bump up my grade? No

Will the instructor remind of us of due dates for upcoming assignments and tests throughout the semester?

No

Can I hand in work late without receiving a penalty? No. Late work is penalized 5% per day

Will you tell us what's on the test? No

If I complete an assignment and hand it in on time am I guaranteed to receive 100%? No

Can I use somebody else's words or ideas and claim they are mine? No, absolutely not. This is plagiarism and you will receive an F on the assignment, or an F in the course, or expulsion from the college, or all three.

Do I have to email/inform my instructor if I am going to miss a class? No, this is not required. But you may want to contact the instructor just to make sure there wasn't any important announcements about or changes to the course. Otherwise it is your responsibility to find out what happened in that class from another student or the instructor.

Do I have to share personal information about myself if I'm uncomfortable doing so? No

What is your expectation about sharing information in class? Students are encouraged to share information about themselves as relevant to the course. The expectation is that students will not share personal information learned about other people/students. As well, students must be aware that this is a public venue and confidentiality cannot be assured.

Will you be covering material in class that is not in the textbook? Yes

Can I use somebody else's words or ideas if I properly quote or cite the source? Yes

If I ask, will the instructor help me with the course requirements? Yes (but he won't do them for you)

Can I get feedback on written work from the instructor before I hand it in? Yes (general review. Submit at least 48 hrs before due date)

Can I get accommodation if I'm sick or experienced an emergency? Yes, if you have proper documentation.

If I choose to, can I withdraw from the course or switch to audit? Yes – prior to the change/audit date

If I am not clear on why I got the grade I did can I talk to the instructor? Yes, please do.

Can I talk to my instructor if I am unclear on what is expected for an assignment or course requirement? Yes

I missed last class. Did I miss anything important? Yes (It is your responsibility to ask a classmate to photocopy their notes)

Please come and see me during office hours if you need extra clarification and help.

No work will be accepted after 4:00 p.m. on Apr 16th

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Important Dates

See <https://camosun.ca/registration-records/registration/important-dates-and-deadlines>

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

Support Service	Website
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.

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Written Assignments

Purpose: For the student to experience and reflect on the skills and ideas of the course.

Submission: drop box in the class's D2L page by 11pm of due date

Late assignments are penalized 5% per day. No work will be accepted 1 week following the due date.

Feedback. If you'd like to get general feedback on your paper before final submission bring me a copy no later than 2 days before it is due and I will go over it with you.

1. Listening skills (10%)

Recorded conversation:

Audio record an authentic 10-minute (continuous) conversation between yourself and a friend where you demonstrate your listening skills. (It might take more than one attempt)

Get their permission prior to recording. Explain that it is an assignment for this class.

At the beginning of the recording, clearly state your name, and that you are the student in this class.

Begin the conversation by thanking them for participating then ask "Tell me about something important you've been thinking about recently, or something important that has happened to you."

During this conversation you will use the most important listening skills in this course: Attention, Minimal encouragers, Paraphrases, and Asking relevant questions. (others may also occur)

At the end thank them for helping you complete this assignment.

You will use a variety of responses in this conversation, but you must use a minimum of 2 full paraphrases and 2 relevant, sensitive questions. If you do not, you must redo it.

Modified transcript and form:

Listen to your conversation to complete each part.

Part 1: Modified transcript

Write down, in order, each of your responses/key listening skills used in the conversation. These are the things you said other than minimal encouragers. Write them out exactly as you said them – not as you wished you had said them. Give a time code for each.

Part 2. Complete the form provided on D2L

Submit the audio file (MP3), and the form (no .pages format please) into the D2L drop box.

Marks will be based on skills used in the conversation and the accuracy, completeness, and depth of reflection/analysis on the form.

2. Course impact (5%)

Select 2 or 3 facts, ideas, values, skills, or concepts you have learned in this course that are the most meaningful/important to you (page 6 of your student handbook provides a partial list).

Analyze and discuss why each one is important to you. One paragraph per course concept.

- Introduce the concept/skill/idea
- Discuss its impact on your life: thoughts, feelings, beliefs, values, actions, etc.
- Concretely describe specific events or changes in your behaviours or relationships as a result of these ideas, skills.
- Why has it been so important/impactful?
- What have you learned/realized about the skill/concept or yourself?

These questions are to stimulate your analysis/reflection. Do not simply answer each of these questions in your report. What you need to express should drive the paper. In other words, write a coherent paper.

Length 400-500 words. Include a word count at the end.

Marks will be based on accuracy, completeness, and especially depth of reflection/analysis.

Double spaced. Include a title page.