

CAMOSUN COLLEGE
PSYCHOLOGY 130
PSYCHOLOGY APPLIED TO CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

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TEXTBOOK:

Myers, David. (2002). Psychology. New York, USA: Worth Publishers.

Calendar Description:

Acquaints the student with major contemporary issues in psychology and considers their historical antecedents. Topics in Life Span Development, Personality, Abnormal Behaviour, Social Cognition, Social Influence, and Social Relations are considered.

Prerequisites: English 12 or assessment.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon Successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe major contemporary issues in psychology and explain their historical 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.

The outcomes will be measured by a combination of written examinations, assignments, presentations, group work, and discussions.

Course Organization:

There is a three hour class each week. Classes will be comprised of lectures and experiential work. Material from the text and selected readings related to current psychological issues and treatments will be examined. Experiential work includes discussions, activities, and student presentations. Attendance and participation are very important for learning. Doing the assigned reading before class will help in the understanding of lectures and discussions.

Evaluation:

Oral Presentation of Research Paper	15%
Research Paper	25%
Experiential Assignments (10% each)	20%
Five Quizzes (5% each)	25%
Final Exam	15%

Grading:

A+	95-100	Exceptional knowledge, creative, and innovative
A	90-94	
A-	85-89	
B+	80-84	Good, on target, well done, above average
B	75-79	
B-	70-74	
C+	65-69	Some elements of criteria are not met. Work is
C	60-64	satisfactory, of average knowledge
D	50-59	Minimum level achieved
F	<50	May want to consider retaking the course

*Five quizzes will comprise multiple choice and true or false items. Multiple choice quizzes expect you to apply the terms and concepts of the course, not just recognize definitions. There will be **NO MAKE UP QUIZZES**

Experiential Assignments will be given throughout the term in order to integrate and understand course content.

Late or Missed Work:

No late work will be accepted without prior negotiation. No assignments will be accepted after the last class. There are no make up quizzes. A late presentation or assignment will have a maximum grade of C+.

Note: Completing the assigned readings prior to lecture will help with the conceptual understanding of material covered.

PSYCHOLOGY 130 SCHEDULE

Weeks		Topics
1.	Introduction	Expectations, Psychological Research
2. 3.	Life Span Development	Infant/Child/Adolescence & Adulthood
4. 5.	Personality	Intelligence and Differences in Intelligence Personality Theory and Assessment
6. 7.	Abnormal Behaviour	Deviance and Abnormal Behaviour Classifying Abnormal Behaviour
8. 9.	Psychological Perspectives	Psychological Disorders and theories Psychoanalytic, Biological, Medical Cognitive, Behavioural & Humanistic
10	Social Cognition	Attitudes and Attributing causes Perceiving self and others
11	Social Influences	Norms and Roles Conformity, Compliance, and Obedience Persuasion
12	Social Relations	Aggression and Conflict Altruism and Pro social Behaviour
13.	Health and Well Being	Stress and Health and Coping with stress
14.	Review	Final Exam scheduled during exam week.

Week Topic Readings**Presentations Assignments**

1. Introduction

2. Nature/Nurture Debate Chapter 3 Presentation Topics

3. The Developing Person Chapter 4

4. Personality Theory Chapter 14 Quiz 1 (chpts ¾)

5. Different Approaches Chapter 14

6. Abnormal Behaviour Chapter 15 Quiz 2 (chpt. 14)

7. Abnormal Behaviour Chapter 15

8. Therapy Chapter 16 1 and 2 Quiz 3 (chpt. 15)

9. Therapy Chapter 16 3 and 4

10. Social Cognition Chapter 18 5 and 6 Quiz 4 (chpt.16)
Assignment Option

11. Social Influences Chapter 18 7 and 8

12. Social Relations Chapter 18 9 and 10

13. Health and Well Being Chapter 17 Quiz 5 (chpt. 18)

14. Review Assignment Option

Final Exam

Scheduled in examination week.

