

CAMOSUN COLLEGE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT
PSYCHOLOGY 130
AN INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN PSYCHOLOGY

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TEXT: Myers, David. (2001). Psychology (6th ed.). New York: Worth.
Scientific American Psychology Reader (included with the textbook).
There are also videos on reserve in the library for required viewing.

CALENDAR: Acquaints the students 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.

FORMAT:

Internet - There are two 60 minute realtime audio shows per week which are a combination of lecture, interviews, and discussion. The shows will be archived on Webct so that you may access them at any time convenient to you. The shows will also be available on CKMO Village 900 AM, Camosun College Radio. Tapes of the shows will be available on reserve in the library.

EVALUATION:	Student Radio Panel	10%
	Midterm	20%
	Three written assignments	45%
	Final exam	25%

GRADING	A+ 95-100	Superior levels of
	A 90-94	achievement
	A- 85-89	
	B+ 80-84	High levels of
	B 75-79	achievement
	B- 70-74	
	C+ 65-69	Satisfactory level
	C 60-64	Sufficient level
	D 50-59	Minimum level of achievement
	F <50	Minimum level not achieved

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AT ALL, PLEASE CONTACT ME.

SCHEDULE WINTER 2003

	TOPIC, READINGS, AND VIDEOS		ASSIGNMENTS
MONDAY DATES	SHOW 1	SHOW 2	
Jan 6	Required Orientation	Wed Jan 8, 5-6:30 pm	
Jan 13	Introduction Intro & Ch 1	Theory Ch 14	
Jan 20	Identity Ch 15 p554-555 Sci Am Memory p 30-35	Social influence Ch 18 Video The Power of the Situation	
Jan 27	Hypnosis Ch 7 p261-270 Video Captive Minds	Cults	Student Panel Taping This week
Feb 3	Torture	Media Video Killing Us Softly	
Feb 10	Media Control Video-Merchants of Cool	Prejudice Ch 18, p662-666	Ass. #1 due Wed. Feb 12 Midterm review class Wed. Feb 12, 5-6:30
Feb 17	Development Ch 3 p102-106, Ch 4 Sci Am- Nature/Nurture p 2-7	Homosexuality Ch 12 p435-447	Midterm Exam Wed. Feb 19, 5-6:30 pm
Feb 24	Gender Ch 3 p106-117	Wellness Ch 17	
Mar 3	AIDS	Biomedical ethics	
Mar 10	Abnormal Ch 15 Sci Am-Psyc Disorders p 56-62	Therapy Ch 16 Sci Am –Therapy p64-75	Ass.#2 Due Wed. Mar 12
Mar 17	Law Ch 13 p468-469, Ch 15 p538	Criminal Justice (Prisons)	
Mar 24	Deviancy (Psychopaths) Ch 15 p562-563	Brazilian street children/ Transgender	
Mar 31	Student panel	Race Science Course overview	
Apr 7	Final exam review class Wed. Apr 9, 5-6:30 pm		Ass. #3 Due Wed. Apr 9
Apr 14	Final Exam TBA		

Midterm covers shows 1-10 and assigned videos and readings.

Final exam covers from shows 11-24 and assigned videos and readings.

PSYCHOLOGY 130
ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY PSYCHOLOGY
REQUIRED VIDEO VIEWING LIST

On reserve at the library

CAPTIVE MINDS	60 min	BF 1141 C36 ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NATIONAL FILM BOARD OUTLETS (NFB) AND SOME VIDEO STORES
MERCHANTS OF COOL	50 min	AVAILABLE ONLINE AT http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/cool/view/
STILL KILLING US SOFTLY	30 min	HF 5827 S85
POWER OF THE SITUATION	30 min	BF141 D572 NO.19

PSYCHOLOGY 130 ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

All assignments should be typed if possible. All assignments must be on time or there may be a penalty. See me before they are due, not after. Good papers are usually clear, concise, and comprehensive. Assignments can also be sent by email as an attachment in a MS Word compatible format.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS (THREE) 45%

There will be 3 assignments covering the material in the radio shows, reading, student panels, and videos. These are basically take-home quizzes that will test your knowledge of the material and your ability to apply that knowledge to contemporary social problems. They will be short answer type questions, approximately 3 pages long (1000 words). The questions will be available on the internet. Please turn them in under my office door if I am not there, or by email.

MIDTERM 20%

The midterm will be 90 minutes long and will cover material from the radio, readings, and videos. There will be short essay (paragraph) and short answer (2-3 sentences) questions. An in-class review session will be held before the exam and a written study guide will be available.

FINAL EXAM 25%

The final exam will be two hours long and will cover the material from the radio, text and videos. The exam will cover only the material from after the midterm. There will be short essay (paragraph) and short answer (2-3 sentences) questions. An in-class review session will be held before the exam and a written study guide will be available.

STUDENT PANEL DISCUSSION 10%

The student will prepare for and participate in a discussion to be broadcast on the radio, led by the instructor and involving 3 to 4 other students, on a specific topic. For the panel participants, the day of the panel a one page written summary is due laying out the basic ideas that the student will be discussing on the show. Evaluation will be based on preparation for and participation in the discussion, knowledge and awareness of the topic, and the written summary. Dates for recording and topics for discussion will be provided.

PLEASE SEE THE INSTRUCTOR IF YOU ARE UNCLEAR ABOUT ANY OF THE ASSIGNMENTS.