

# PSYCHOLOGY 130 : WINTER '03

## Course Outline

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**Textbook:** Myers, D. (2001) 6<sup>th</sup> Edition: *Psychology*. New York: Worth

### Course Objectives

This course examines the application of psychology to contemporary social issues. Topics will include social influence, social stereotypes, prejudice, gender, media, crime and violence. The goal will be to investigate the nature of social problems, analyze the causes, and propose possible solutions.

### Course Organization

Each week there will be a 2-hour lecture (with the whole class) and a 1-hour seminar participation in small groups.

#### Lectures

- ◆ In my lectures, I will cover some material from the textbook, but I will also bring in **additional materials** from other sources. Your **attendance at lectures** and **taking lecture notes** is therefore highly recommended.
- ◆ You are advised to do your **weekly assigned readings** prior to the lecture.

#### Seminars

- ◆ Seminars will have a variety of activities and one **group project**.

#### WebCT

- ◆ Course related information, textbook resources, study guide, chapter quizzes, activities etc. will be posted here.

### Evaluation

#### Exams: 55 %

- ◆ Midterm Exam (25%), Final Exam (30%)
- ◆ The exams will cover materials from the assigned textbook readings, lectures, seminar activities, and WebCT resources. Each exam will have about 60-80 multiple-choice questions and 3-5 very short essay questions.
- ◆ Exams must be taken as scheduled. **Should you miss an exam**, you should inform me ahead. If I am not informed and convinced about your reasons, I may allow you to take a make-up exam, but will **deduct up to 5% of your total grade**.

#### Media Assignment 5 %

- ◆ Please note the deadline for assignment submission. There will a **penalty of 1% of the total grade for each day of delay**. Also, late submissions will **not be marked until the end of the term**.

#### Social Issues Log (10%) & Presentation (5%)

- ◆ You will maintain a log of social issues that you read/hear/discuss about during the semester. (minimum five newspaper or magazine clippings, visits to three community activity centers).

#### Group Project 20%

- ◆ One group project including an outline (2%) class-presentation (10%) and a write-up (8%)

#### Attendance & Participation 5%

Participation in seminar activities and team work for group projects

**Letter Grades:** Calendar: <http://camosun.bc.ca/divisions/registrar/calendar/general/grading.html>

## LECTURE & SEMINAR SCHEDULE

**Lecture** Fisher 238  
**Mon** 1.30 -3.20

**Seminars** Fisher 268  
 Group A **Wed** 12.30 -1.20  
 Group B **Wed** 1.30 -2.20

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- **Note** the dates for Exams and Seminar schedules, and **plan your life accordingly**  
 ➤ If you have any concern about the course, **please talk to me, call me, or e-mail me**. I am as eager as you are to see that you do well in the course
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## WEEKLY PLAN

**Group Meetings in Seminars are absolutely mandatory**

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Mondays Lecture Topic</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Wednesdays Seminar Plan &amp; Assignment</b>
Jan 6	<b>Introduction</b>	Introduction & Chpt 1	Introduction
Jan 13	<b>Social Influence I</b>	Chpt 14: pg. 522-529 Chapt 16	Activity
Jan 20	<b>Social Influence II</b>	Chapt 7: pg. 261-270	Activity
Jan 27	<b>Social Stereotypes</b>	WebCT posting	<b>Group Meetings: Topic Selection</b>
Feb 3	<b>Prejudice &amp; Discrimination</b>	WebCT posting	Stereotypes I
Feb 10	<b>Media</b>	WebCt posting	Stereotypes II
Feb 17	<b>Gender Issues</b>	Chpt 3: pg 106-117 Chpt 12: pg 435-447	Activity <b>Media Asgn Due <u>Feb 18</u> (5%)</b>
<b>Feb 24</b>	<b>MIDTERM (25%)</b>		<b>Group Meetings</b>
Mar 3	<b>Crime &amp; Violence</b>	Chpt 15: pg. 538	Activity
Mar 10	<b>Video: “<i>Mind of a murderer</i>”</b>	Chpt 15	<b>Social Issues Log Due <u>Mar 12</u> (10%)</b>
Mar 17	<b>Social Log Presentation: Group A</b>		<b>Group Meetings</b>
Mar 24	<b>Social Log Presentation Group: B</b>		<b>Presentation: Group 1, 2, &amp; 3</b>
Mar 31	<b>Psychopathology</b>	Chapt 16	<b>Presentation: Group 4, 5, 6 All Project Reports Due <u>Apr 2</u></b>
Apr 7	<b>Caring for the mentally ill</b>	Chpt 17	☺ ☺ <b>No Seminar</b> ☺ ☺
	<b>Final Exam ( 30%): To be scheduled</b>		