

**CAMOSUN COLLEGE**  
**PSYCHOLOGY 130**  
**PSYCHOLOGY APPLIED TO CONTEMPORARY ISSUES**

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**TEXTBOOK:**

Wade, Carole and Tavris, Carol. Psychology. Toronto, Canada: Prentice Hall/Pearson Publishers.

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**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 are two one and one half- hour classes 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:**

Research Paper	25%
Experiential Assignments ( 3 x 10% each)	45%
Three Quizzes ( 5 % each)	15%
Final Exam	20%

**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

\*Three quizzes will comprise multiple choice and short answer. 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

Wks: Chpts:

Topics

1.		<b>Introduction</b>	Expectations, Psychological Research
2.	14	<b>Life Span Development</b>	Infant/Child/Adolescence & Adulthood
3.			
4.	13	<b>Personality</b>	Intelligence and Differences in Intelligence
5.			Personality Theory and Assessment
6.	16	<b>Abnormal Behaviour</b>	Classifying Abnormal Behaviour
7.			Psychological Disorders
8.	17	<b>Psychological Perspectives</b>	Approaches to Treatment & Therapy
9.			Psychoanalytic, Biological, Medical
			Cognitive, Behavioural & Humanistic
10.	08	<b>Behaviour in Social &amp; Cultural Context</b>	Attitudes & Attributing causes
11.			Norms & Roles, Conformity & Obedience
12.	15	<b>Health and Well Being</b>	Stress and Health and Coping with stress
13.			
14.		<b>Review</b>	Final Exam scheduled during exam week.

## Week Topic Readings Presentations Assignments

1. Introduction

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2. The Developing Person Chapter 14 Presentation Topics

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3. The Developing Person Chapter 14

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4. Personality Theory Chapter 13 Quiz 1 ( chpt.14  
Assignment Option

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5. Personality Theory Chapter 13 Assignment Option

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6. Abnormal Behaviour Chapter 16 Assignment Option

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7. Psychological Disorders Chapter 16 Assignment Option

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8. Therapy Chapter 17 1 and 2 Quiz 2(chpts. 13/16)

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9. Therapy Chapter 17 3 and 4

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10. Behaviour in Social Chapter 08 5 and 6 Quiz 3(chpt.17)  
&Cultural Context Assignment Option

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11. Behaviour in Social/Cultural Chapter 08 7 and 8 Assignment Option

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12. Health and Well Being Chapter 15 9 and 10 Assignment Option

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13. Health and Well Being Chapter 15

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14. Review Bonus Assignment 3%

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Scheduled Final Exam Chapters. 08 and 15 TBA

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