

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.

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	20%
Experiential Assignments (10% each)	30%
Three Quizzes (10% each)	30%
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.		Introduction	Expectations, Psychological Research
2.	14	Life Span Development	Infant/Child/Adolescence & Adulthood
3.			
4.	13	Personality	Intelligence and Differences in Intelligence
5.			Personality Theory and Assessment
6.	16	Abnormal Behaviour	Classifying Abnormal Behaviour
7.			Psychological Disorders
8.	17	Psychological Perspectives	Approaches to Treatment & Therapy
9.			Psychoanalytic, Biological, Medical Cognitive, Behavioural & Humanistic
10.	08	Behaviour in Social & Cultural Context	Attitudes & Attributing causes
11.			Norms & Roles, Conformity & Obedience
12.	15	Health and Well Being	Stress and Health and Coping with stress
13.			
14.			Final Exam scheduled during exam week.

Week Topic Readings**Presentations Assignments**

1. Introduction	Psychology and The Law		
2. The Developing Person	Chapter 14	Presentation Topics	
3. The Developing Person	Chapter 14	Quiz 1 (Chpt. 14)	
4. Personality Theory	Chapter 13		
5. Personality Theory	Chapter 13		
6. Abnormal Behaviour	Chapter 16		
7. Psychological Disorders	Chapter 16	Assignment Option	
8. Therapy	Chapter 17	1 and 2	Quiz 2 (Chpt. 13/16)
9. Therapy	Chapter 17	3 and 4	Assignment Option
10. Behaviour in Social & Cultural Context	Chapter 08	5 and 6	Quiz 3 (Chpt. 17) Assignment Option
11. Behaviour in Social/Cultural	Chapter 08	7 and 8	Assignment Option
12. Health and Well Being	Chapter 15	9 and 10	
13. Health and Well Being	Chapter 15	Assignment Option	
14. Review	Bonus Assignment 3%		
Final Exam	Chpts. 08 and 15	Scheduled	

