

**CAMOSUN COLLEGE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT  
PSYCHOLOGY 130 ON LINE  
CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN PSYCHOLOGY**

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TEXT: The readings for the course are all online websites. See the audio shows for details. There are also videos on reserve in the library for required viewing.

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CALENDAR: This course acquaints 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 live 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 FALL 2004

	TOPIC, READINGS, AND VIDEOS		ASSIGNMENTS
MONDAY DATES	SHOW 1	SHOW 2	
Sept 6	Required Orientation	Wed Sept 8, 5-6:30 pm	
Sept 13	Introduction	Theory	
Sept 20	Identity	Social Influence Video <b>The Power of the Situation</b>	
Sept 27	Collective Delusions	Hypnosis Video <b>Captive Minds</b>	<b>Student Panel Taping</b> This week
Oct 4	Cults	Torture	
Oct 11	Media Video <b>Killing Us Softly 3</b>	Media Control	<b>Ass. #1 Due</b> Wed. Oct 13 <b>Midterm review class</b> Wed. Oct 13, 5-6:30
Oct 18	Development	Prejudice	<b>Midterm Exam</b> Wed. Oct 20, 5-6:30 pm
Oct 25	Homosexuality	Gender	
Nov 1	Wellness	Biomedical Ethics	
Nov 8	Abnormal	Therapy	<b>Ass.#2 Due</b> Wed. Nov 10
Nov 15	Law	Criminal Justice-Prisons Video <b>Bowling for Columbine</b>	
Nov 22	Deviancy (Psychopaths)	Evil and Genocide	
Nov 29	Brazilian Street Children/ Transgender	Student panel shows	
Dec 6	Race Science/ Course overview	<b>Final exam review class</b> Wed. Dec 8, 5-6:30 pm	<b>Ass. #3 Due</b> Wed. Dec 8
Dec 13	<b>Final Exam</b> 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

BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE	120 min	ALSO AVAILABLE AT SOME VIDEO STORES
CAPTIVE MINDS	60 min	ALSO AVAILABLE AT SOME VIDEO STORES
POWER OF THE SITUATION	30 min	LIBRARY CALL NUMBER BF141 D572 NO.19
KILLING US SOFTLY 3 Or either of the earlier versions	30 min	ALSO AVAILABLE AT SOME VIDEO STORES

**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.**