

**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.

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 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. Cassette tapes of some of the shows will be available on reserve in the library.

EVALUATION:

Midterm	25%
Three written assignments	50%
Final exam	25%

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

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

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) 50%

There will be 3 assignments covering the material in the radio shows, reading, student panels, and videos. These assignments will measure 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 as an attachment.

MIDTERM 25%

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. 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. A written study guide will be available.

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

SCHEDULE WINTER 2008

	TOPIC, READINGS, AND VIDEOS		ASSIGNMENTS
MONDAY DATES	SHOW 1	SHOW 2	
Jan. 7	Required Orientation	Wed. Jan. 9, 5-6:30 pm	
Jan. 14	Introduction	Theory	
Jan. 21	Identity	Social Influence Video The Power of the Situation	
Jan. 28	Collective Delusions	Hypnosis Video Captive Minds	
Feb. 4	Cults	Torture	
Feb. 11	Media Video Killing Us Softly 3	Media Control	Ass. #1 Due Wed. Feb. 13
Feb. 18	Development	Prejudice	Midterm Exam Wed. Feb. 20, 5-6:30 pm
Feb. 25	Homosexuality	Gender	
Mar. 3	Wellness	Biomedical Ethics	
Mar. 10	Abnormal	Therapy	Ass.#2 Due Wed. Mar. 12
Mar. 17	Law	Criminal Justice-Prisons Video Bowling for Columbine	
Mar. 24	Deviancy (Psychopaths)	Evil and Genocide	
Mar. 31	Brazilian Street Children/ Transgender	Race Science/ Course overview	
Apr. 7			Ass. #3 Due Wed. Apr. 9
	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.