



COURSE OUTLINE

The course description is online @ <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/psyc.html>

Ω Please note: the College electronically stores this outline for five (5) years only.
It is **strongly recommended** you keep a copy of this outline with your academic records.
You will need this outline for any future application/s for transfer credit/s to other colleges/universities.

(a)	Instructor:	Bill Wong, PhD		
(b)	Office Hours & location:	10:30-11:20 (M, T, W) and 9:30-10:20 (Th). If these do not work for you, we can schedule an alternate & mutually agreeable time Office location: Fisher 106E (down hallway next to bookstore)		
(c)	Class location/time:	Lecture and seminar: Tue (11:30-2:20 in F206)		
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(e)	Email:	wongw@camosun.ca - always use this e-mail address		
(f)	D2L Website:	http://online.camosun.ca		

2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Explain the history of abnormal psychology (psychopathology) and the Canadian Mental Health System.
2. Describe the current paradigms and theories that aim to explain the cause and treatment of mental disorders.
3. Explain the nature of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual and the classification of mental disorders.
4. Describe procedures and methods of assessing mental health.
5. Describe current research methods used in the study of abnormal psychology.
6. Describe current models of cause and treatment for the following categories of mental disorders: anxiety, somatoform, eating, mood, schizophrenic, substance-abuse, personality, sexual and gender disorders.
7. Identify key concepts in the field of health psychology and psycho-neuro-immunology.
8. Describe the relationship between the field of abnormal psychology (psychopathology) and the Canadian legal and criminal justice systems.

3. Required Materials

- (a) Davison, G.C., Blankstein, K.R., Flett, G.L., & Neale, J.M. (2010). *Abnormal psychology* (4th Cdn ed.). Mississauga, ON: John Wiley & Sons.
- (b) This course is supported by D2L (URL listed above).
- (c) Much more to follow – will circulate, post on D2L or mention in class

4. Course Content and Schedule

Please see the last page of this course outline

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

Task	Important notes	Value
Seminar assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five (5) short seminar assignments will be distributed throughout the course Point values listed on p. 4 Instructions will be provided beforehand for each assignment You <u>must</u> submit each assignment at the beginning of the seminar due date (again, see p. 4) There will be a <u>50% net penalty</u> on late assignments (no assignments will be accepted one-week past the original due date) 	10%
Exam 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 2, 2012 M/C questions, definitions & short answers 	26%
Exam 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 6, 2012 M/C questions, definitions & short answers 	26%
Paper	Instructions will be provided beforehand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due Nov 27, 2012 Option 1: Research paper (sample topics: anxiety, somatoform, eating, mood, schizophrenic, substance-abuse, personality, sexual and gender disorders.) Option 2: Community/agency interview & write-up. Please discuss with me first (before you make any agency contact!). There will be a <u>10% net per day penalty</u> on late papers (work submitted 2 days after deadline will not be accepted) 	18%
Exam 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 4, 2012 M/C questions, definitions & short answers 	20%
TOTAL		100%

6. Grading System

(No changes are to be made to this section unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through the Education Council of Camosun College for approval.)

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

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at camosun.ca for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. <i>(For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.)</i>

CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.
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About your grade

- If you are not satisfied with a grade I have given, you have the right to ask me to regrade the work. Work that I review may receive the same grade, a lower grade, or a higher grade.
- I reserve the right to ask you to resubmit work, or to show me extra material related to it.

7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services, or the College web site at camosun.ca.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism.** It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services, and the College web site in the Policy Section.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED

8. Important information

College Policies	Camosun has policies on grading, academic offences, resolution procedures, and consequent sanctions. Please familiarize yourself with these policies (see 2012-2013 College calendar).
Attendance, assignments (e.g., papers) and exams	Attendance is important because it keeps you in contact with the course materials and any changes that may occur throughout the semester. A missed exam or assignment will result in a mark of zero. Unfortunately, make-up exams will not be offered unless there is a serious medical or compassionate reason that you would like considered. Contact the instructor <u>before</u> the test or due date. Time management issues, being forgetful and/or competing priorities are NOT sufficient reasons. Documentation to support your claim is <u>always</u> required (e.g., physician's note explaining why you could not attend the exam).

9. Class schedule & content

Week	Date	Reading – to be done before each class	Lecture topic	Seminar discussions
1	Sep 4	-Chap 1	-Introduction to course, syllabus, D2L, FAQ's -Historically & BC's story	-Distribute Seminar assignment #1
2	Sep 11	-Chap 2	-Paradigms & much more	-Seminar assignment #1 due (always at beginning of the seminar) (2%) -Careers in Mental health (Websites and other materials) -Prevention, treatment & maintenance -Distribute Seminar assignment #2
3	Sep 18	-Chap 3 Rosenhan (1973)	-Classification & Diagnosis -Complete chapter 3	-Seminar assignment #2 due (2%) -Distribute Seminar assignment #3
4	Sep 25	-Chap 11	-Schizophrenia	-Seminar assignment #3 due (2%)
5	Oct 2		Exam 1 (26%) 11:30-1:30	
6	Oct 9	-Chap 4 -Chap 5 (brief overview)	-Assessment, research methods	-Evidence Based Mental Health -Distribute Seminar assignment #4
7	Oct 16	-Chap 17 (pp. 596-604) -Chap 15	-Intervention outcomes -Childhood disorders	-Seminar assignment #4 due (2%) -Distribute Seminar assignment #5
8	Oct 23	-Chap 17 (pp. 625-629) -Olds (1998)	-Community psychology -Complete chapter 15	-Seminar assignment #5 due (2%)
9	Oct 30	-Chap 6	-Anxiety disorders	
10	Nov 6		Exam 2 (26%) 11:30-1:30	
11	Nov 13	-Chap 7 -Thigpen & Cleckley (1954)	-Somatoform and dissociative disorders	-Case study: The three faces of Eve
12	Nov 20	-Chaps 8, 9	-Mood disorders	-Health psychology
13	Nov 27	-Chap 13 -Chap 18	-Paper due (18%) -Personality disorders -Legal & ethical issues	
14	Dec 4		Exam 3 (20%) 11:30-1:30	
There is no "other" final exam for this course ☺				

*I reserve the right to make changes to this course outline.