

# School of Arts and Science PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Psyc 130 – Edward Milne Contemporary Issues 2014 Fall

# **COURSE OUTLINE**

#### **Instructor Information**

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## **Intended Learning Outcomes**

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

- 1. Describe major contemporary issues in psychology 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.

## **Required Materials**

Text	Gerrig, R.J., Zimbardo, P.G., Desmarais, S., & Ivanco, T. (2011). Psychology and
	Life (2 <sup>nd</sup> Canadian Edition). Toronto: Pearson Canada.

#### **Course Content and Schedule**

Start Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 – Thursday, January 15, 2015.

Time: **Block A**, *Tuesday* (9:51 – 12:16 p.m.) and *Thursday* (2:07 – 3:13 p.m.)

#### To access the course website on D2L

- 1. Open browser (i.e., Internet Explorer) and type in : <a href="http://online.camosun.ca/">http://online.camosun.ca/</a>
- 2. Next, enter your first name followed by a period then your last name and the day of your birth. For example mick.jagger22 for born on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 3. Then enter your password which will be your date of birth in *mmddyy* format. For example, 062284 for June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1984.
- **4.** Once into D2L you will be required to change your password.

#### **Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)**

Test #1	30%
Test #2	30%
Test #3	20%
Short Assignments (2 in total)	10%
Group Presentation	<u>10%</u>
	100%

#### **Tests** (80% course grade):

There will be three tests in this course. The first test is worth 30% of the course grade and will cover the Chapters 1, 2 (pg. 22-32), 11 & 12. The second test is also worth 30% and will cover Chapters 13, 14 & 17. The last test is worth 20% and will cover Chapters 15 and 16. All tests are based on information from the lectures and textbook. These tests will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions.

MAKE-UP TESTS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION. YOU MUST CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR, AND PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION, WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE MISSED TEST DATE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE MAKE-UP TEST.

#### **Short Assignments** (10% of course grade):

There will be 2 short papers assigned throughout the semester. Each of these assignments is worth 5% of the final grade. These assignments will require students to conduct various kinds of research including interviews, content analysis, and self assessment, and then summarize the results in a short report.

#### **Group Presentation** (10% of course grade):

In teams of 3 to 4 students, groups will make a PowerPoint presentation on a current issue in Psychology. Presentation details will be discussed in class and guidelines will be provided. Groups will be formed mid semester and time in class will be devoted to group work.

LATE WORK WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IN EXTREME CASES. PLEASE SCHEDULE YOUR TIME TO MEET ALL DUE DATES.

# **Grading System**

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	Α		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	В		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	С		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
1	Incomplete: 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	In progress: 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. (For
	these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 <sup>rd</sup> course
	attempt or at the point of course completion).
CW	Compulsory Withdrawal: 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.

#### STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy which includes plagiarism. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the contents of this policy. The policy is available on the College web site in the Policy Section.

# **PSYCH 130 – TIMETABLE – FALL 2014**

September 30	Introduction to Course		
October 2	Chapter 1: Psychology and Life		
October 7	Chapter 2: Research Methods (page 22 to 32)		
October 9	Chapter 11: Human Development		
	Assignment #1 Handed Out		
October 14	Chapter 11: Human Development		
October 16	Chapter 11: Human Development		
October 21	Chapter 12: Motivation		
October 23	Chapter 12: Motivation		
	Assignment #1 Due		
October 28	Test #1: Chapter 1, 11 & 12		
October 30	Chapter 13: Emotion, Stress, and Health		
November 4	Chapter 13: Emotion, Stress, and Health		
November 6	Chapter 14: Personality		
	Assignment #2 Handed Out		
November 11	No Class due to Remembrance Day		
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 14: Personality		
November 18	Chapter 17: Social Psychology		
	Assignment #2 Due		
November 20	No Class		
November 25	Chapter 17: Social Psychology		
November 27	Chapter 17: Social Psychology		
December 2	Test #2: Chapters 13, 14 & 17		
December 4	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders		
December 9	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders		
December 11	Chapter 16: Therapies for Psychological Disorders		
December 16	Chapter 16: Therapies for Psychological Disorders		
December 18	Test #3: Chapter 15 & 16		
	Winter Vacation		
January 6	Group Presentations		
January 8	Group Presentations		
January13	Group Presentations		
January 15	Group Presentations		

<sup>\*\*</sup>Note: This schedule is tentative and any changes will be discussed in class.