



School of Arts and Science
PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Psyc 130 – Cowichan High
Contemporary Issues
2014 Fall

COURSE OUTLINE

Instructor Information

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| Office Hours | TBA |
| Location | Cowichan High Secondary School (3:30 – 6:30) <i>Temporary Location: Island Savings Centre – Nitinaht Room (4:00 – 7:00)</i> |
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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

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| Text | Myers, David, G. (2014). <i>Psychology</i> (10 th Edition). Worth Publishers: New York. Volume 2, Loose Leaf Text. |
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Course Content and Schedule

There is one 3 hour class per week. Classes will be held temporarily at Island Savings Centre, from 4:00 to 7:00, until the BCTF strike is resolved and school resumes. When school is back in session, classes will be held at Cowichan High (room # to be determined) from 3:30 to 6:30.

To access the course website on D2L

1. Open browser (i.e., Internet Explorer) and type in : <http://online.camosun.ca/>
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 22nd.
3. Then enter your password which will be your date of birth in *mmdyy* format. For example, 062284 for June 22nd, 1984.
4. Once into D2L you will be required to change your password.

Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

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| 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 Prologue, Chapters 1, 5, & 11. The second test is also worth 30% and will cover Chapters 12, 13, & 14. 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 rd course attempt or at the point of course completion). |
| 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. |

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.

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| September 17th | <p>Introduction to Course</p> <p>Readings: Prologue: The Story of Psychology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>What is Psychology?</i> b. <i>Psychological Science Develops</i> c. <i>Contemporary Psychology</i> |
| September 24th | <p>Readings: Chapter 1: Thinking Critically With Psychological Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>The Need for Psychological Science</i> b. <i>How Do Psychologists Ask and Answer Questions?</i> <p>Readings: Chapter 5: Developing Through the Life Span</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Developmental Psychology's Major Issues</i> b. <i>Prenatal Development and the Newborn</i> c. <i>Infancy and Childhood</i> <p>Assignment #1 Handed Out</p> |
| October 1st | <p>Readings: Chapter 5: Developing Through the Life Span</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Adolescence</i> b. <i>Adulthood</i> |
| October 8th | <p>Readings: Chapter 11: Motivation & Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Motivational Concepts</i> b. <i>Hunger</i> <p>Assignment #1 Due</p> |
| October 15th | <p>Test #1: Prologue, Chapter 1, 5, & 11 (1/2 of chapter)</p> <p>Readings: Chapter 11: Motivation & Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Sexual Motivation</i> b. <i>The Need to Belong</i> |
| October 22nd | <p>Readings: Chapter 12: Emotion, Stress, and Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Cognition and Emotion</i> b. <i>Embodied Emotion</i> c. <i>Expressed Emotion</i> d. <i>Experienced Emotion</i> e. <i>Stress and Health</i> f. <i>Promoting Health</i> <p>Assignment #2 Handed Out</p> |
| October 29th | <p>Readings: Chapter 13: Personality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Psychodynamic Theories</i> b. <i>Humanistic Theories</i> c. <i>Trait Theories</i> d. <i>Social-Cognitive Theories</i> e. <i>Exploring the Self</i> |

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| November 5th | Readings: Chapter 14: Social Psychology <i>a. Social Thinking</i> <i>b. Social Influence</i> <i>c. Social Relations</i> Assignment #2 Due |
| November 12th | <i>Chapter 14: Social Psychology</i> |
| November 19th | Test #2: Chapters 11 (1/2), 12, 13 & 14 |
| November 26th | Readings: Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders <i>a. Perspectives on Psychological Disorders</i> <i>b. Anxiety Disorders, OCD, and PTSD</i> <i>c. Mood Disorders</i> <i>d. Schizophrenia</i> <i>e. Other Disorders</i> <i>f. Rates of Psychological Disorders</i> |
| December 3rd | Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders Group Presentations |
| December 10th | Readings: Chapter 16: Therapy <i>a. Treating Psychological Disorders</i> <i>b. The Psychological Theories</i> <i>c. Evaluating Psychotherapies</i> <i>d. The Biomedical Therapies</i> <i>e. Preventing Psychological Disorders</i> Group Presentations |
| December 17th | Test #3: Chapter 15 & 16 |

****Note: This schedule is tentative and any changes will be discussed in class.**