



School of Arts & Science  
PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT  
PSYC 130 (004)  
Contemporary Issues  
Winter 2015

**COURSE OUTLINE**

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

**1. Instructor Information**

(a)	Instructor:	Cate Pelling, MA		
(b)	Office Hours:	Tuesday 11:00 am–12:00 pm; Wednesday 1:00-2:00 pm; Friday 11:30 am-12:30 pm or by appointment		
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**2. 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.

**3. Required Materials**

Text: Psychology, Tenth Edition, (2014). Myers, D., Worth Publishers, New York

**Optional Materials**

Lauchpad  
D2L online course content  
Study Guide

#### 4. Course Content and Schedule

Week	Topic	Activities
Jan. 9	Introduction to the course	
Jan. 16	Prologue and Chapter 1	
Jan. 23	Chapter 14: Social Psychology	
Jan. 30	Chapter 14: Social Psychology	Lab #1 due
Feb. 6	Chapter 5: Developing Through the Lifespan	Quiz #1
Feb. 13	Reading Break	
Feb. 20	Chapter 13: Personality	Quiz #2 Lab #2 due
Feb. 27	Chapter 13: Personality	Lab #3 due
Mar. 6	<b>MIDTERM (Prologue and Chapters 1, 5, 13 and 14)</b>	
Mar. 13	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders	
Mar. 20	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders	Lab #4 due
Mar. 27	Chapter 16: Therapy	Quiz #3
Apr. 3	Chapter 12: Emotions, Stress and Health	Quiz #4 Lab #5 due
Apr. 10	Chapter 11: Motivation and Work	Lab #6 due

#### **FINAL EXAM (Chapters 11, 12, 15 and 16)**

***\*\*Written during the final exam period\*\****

## 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(a) Labs	four of six labs	20%
(b) Quizzes	four quizzes (5% each)	20%
(c) Midterm		30%
(d) Final Exam		30%

### Labs

Students will complete four labs during the course. There are six labs topics available. Lab descriptions will be available during the second class. Each lab is worth 5% of the final grade.

The purpose of labs is to apply specific concepts covered in the course. Labs are due at the start of class on the dates indicated in the schedule. Labs should be approximately 350 words (include word count) and should be typewritten.

### Quizzes

There will be four quizzes during the term. Quizzes will be written during the first 15 minutes of class on weeks 5, 7, 12 and 13. Quizzes will be comprised of ten questions (multiple choice and/or T/F). Quizzes are each worth 5%.

### Examinations

There are 2 exams in the course. They will be made up of short answer, fill-in-the-blank, multiple choice, and matching questions. Both exams are worth 30% of the final grade. The final exam is not cumulative. Final exam dates are identified by the end of February.

## 6. Grading System

### 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 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](http://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.

## 8. Technology Policy

No electronic devices are allowed during tests. This includes, but is not limited to, computers, electronic dictionaries, electronic translators, cell phones, pdas, and other personal electronic devices.

Student's use of lap tops in class is restricted to note taking.

Please respect the learning environment and your fellow students. All cell phones must be turned off/vibrate during class. Exceptions, for emergency purposes only, must be discussed with the instructor ahead of time.