



COURSE OUTLINE

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

1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Cate Pelling		
(b)	Office Hours:	Mondays 12:30–1:30 pm; Tuesdays 11:30-12:30 pm; Fridays 1:30-2:30 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). Meyers, D., Worth Publishers, New York

Optional Materials

Launchpad
D2L online course content

4. Course Content and Schedule

Week	Topic	Activities
Sept 10	Introduction to the course	
Sept 17	Prologue and Chapter 1	
Sept 24	Chapter 14: Social Psychology	Quiz #1
Oct 1	Chapter 14: Social Psychology	Lab #1 due
Oct 8	Chapter 5: Developing Through the Lifespan	Lab #2 due Bonus question #1
Oct 15	Chapter 13: Personality	Quiz #2
Oct 22	Chapter 13: Personality	Lab #3 due
Oct 29	MIDTERM (Prologue and Chapters 1, 5, 13 and 14)	
Nov 5	Chapter 12: Emotions, Stress and Health	
Nov 12	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders	Quiz #3 In-class assignment
Nov 19	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders	Lab #4 due
Nov 26	Chapter 16: Therapy	Quiz #4 Bonus question #2
Dec 3	Chapter 16: Therapy	Lab #5 due
Dec 10	Chapter 11: Motivation and Work	Lab #6 due

FINAL EXAM ~ scheduled during the exam period (Chapters 11, 12, 15 and 16)

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(a) Labs	four labs (from 6 possible labs): 3 group labs and one individual lab	20%
(b) Quizzes	four quizzes	20%
(c) In-class assignment		5%
(d) Midterm		25%
(e) Final Exam		25%
(f) Participation		5%

Labs

Students will complete four labs during the course. Each lab is worth 5% of the final grade. All students will complete the group labs. Students will choose one of the individual labs (lab 2, lab 3, or lab 5).

The purpose of the 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 a word count) and should be typewritten.

In-class Assignment

Students will be assigned an in-class assignment to complete during class time on Week 10. Students will form their own groups to complete this assignment.

Quizzes

There will be four quizzes during the term. Quizzes will be written during the first 15 minutes of class on weeks 3, 6, 10, and 12. Quizzes will be comprised of ten questions (multiple choice, T/F, and/or matching questions). Quizzes are each worth 5%.

Students are encouraged to use the Launchpad resources to prepare for quizzes and exams.

Examinations

There are two 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 25% of the final grade. The final exam is not cumulative. Final exam dates will be posted by the end of October.

Participation

Student participation is assessed based on: attendance and active participation in class activities; attentiveness in class; being mindful of others and demonstrating respect for the learning environment, effective communication skills, being prepared for class (course readings, D2L content, etc.)

Bonus Questions

Two bonus questions are available for extra, optional marks. Bonus question #1 is worth 2% of the final grade and is due on October 8th. Bonus question #2 is worth 3% of the final grade and is due on November 26th.

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 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. (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.

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.

8. Technology Policy

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

Use of lap tops is for note taking during class time. Students who want to record components of the class (via audio recording and/or pictures) need to communicate to the instructor beforehand.

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.