



School of Arts & Science
PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT
PSYC 130 (002)
Contemporary Issues
Winter 2017

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:	Tuesdays 11:30 am-12:30 pm; Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 pm; Thursdays 11:30 am-12:30 pm; Fridays 12:30-1:30 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, Eleventh Edition (2015). Meyers, D.G., Dewall, C.N., Worth Publishers, New York

Optional Materials

Launchpad
D2L online course content

4. Course Content and Schedule

Week	Topic	Activities
Jan 10	Introduction to the course	
Jan 17	Prologue and Chapter 13 Social Psychology	
Jan 24	Chapter 13: Social Psychology	
Jan 31	Chapter 5: Developing Through the Lifespan	Quiz #1 Lab #1 due
Feb 7	Chapter 10: Intelligence	Lab #2 due
Feb 14	Reading Break	
Feb 21	Chapter 14: Personality	
Feb 28	Chapter 14: Personality	Lab #3 due
Mar 7	MIDTERM (Chapters 5, 10, 13, 14 and Prologue)	
Mar 14	Chapter 12: Emotions, Stress and Health	
Mar 21	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders	Quiz #3 In-class assignment (Lab #4)
Mar 28	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders	Lab #4 due
Apr 4	Chapter 16: Therapy	Quiz #4 Lab #5 due Bonus Question
Apr 11	Chapter 16: Therapy	Lab #6 due Lab #7 due

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

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(a) Labs	five labs (from 7 possible labs): 3 group labs and two individual labs	25%
(b) Quizzes	four quizzes	20%
(c) Midterm		25%
(d) Final Exam		25%
(e) Participation		5%

Labs

Students will complete five labs during the course. Each lab is worth 5% of the final grade. All students will complete the group labs. Students will choose two of the individual labs (lab 1, lab 3, lab 6, lab 7).

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. ***A hard copy of the lab is required for marking purposes.***

Quizzes

There will be four quizzes during the term. Quizzes will be written during the first 15 minutes of class on weeks 3, 5, 11, and 13. 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, matching questions, questions based on class activities, and your choice of a long answer question. 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 February.

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 Question

A bonus questions is available for extra, optional marks. The bonus question is worth 3% of the final grade and is due on April 4th.

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. <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.

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, 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.