

School of Arts and Science PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Psyc 130 – ROYAL BAY Contemporary Issues 2017 SPRING

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	Myers, David, G. & DeWall, C. N. (2015). <i>Psychology</i> (11 th Edition). Worth
	Publishers: New York.

Course Content and Schedule

The course will begin Monday, February 6th and end Wednesday, June 14th.

Classes will be held Monday (9:00-10:23) & Wednesday (9:00 –10:23)

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 mmddyy format. For example, 062284 for June 22^{nd} , 1984.
- **4.** Once into D2L you will be required to change your password.

Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

Test #1	25%
Test #2	25%
Test #3	25%
Short Assignments (2 in total)	10%
Group Presentation	
	100%

Tests (75% course grade):

There will be three tests in this course. The first test is worth 25% of the course grade and will cover the Prologue, Chapters 1 (first ½), 5, & 10. The second test is worth 25% and will cover Chapters 11, 12, & 13. The last test is also worth 25% and will cover Chapters 14, 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 (15% 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	А		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
I	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 rd 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.

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February 6 th	Introduction to Course
February 8 th	Prologue: The Story of Psychology
February 13 th	STAT No Class
February 15 th	Chapter 1: Thinking Critically With Psychological Science (pg. 19-41)
February 20 th	Chapter 5: Developing Through the Life Span
	Assignment #1 Handed Out
February 22 nd	Chapter 5: Developing Through the Life Span
February 27 th	Chapter 5: Developing Through the Life Span
March 1 st	Chapter 10: Intelligence
	Assignment #1 Due
March 6 th	Chapter 10: Intelligence
March 8 th	Test #1: Prologue, Chapter 1 (1/2 of chapter), 5, & 10
March 13 th	Chapter 11: What Drives Us
March 15	Chapter 11: What Drives Us
March 20 th to 31 st	SPRING BREAK
April 3rd	Chapter 12: Emotions, Stress, and Health
April 5 th	Chapter 12: Emotions, Stress, and Health
	Assignment #2 Handed Out
April 10 th	Chapter 12: Emotions, Stress, and Health
April 12 th	Chapter 13: Social Psychology
April 17 th	STAT No Class
April 19 th	Chapter 13: Social Psychology
	Assignment #2 Due
April 24 th	Chapter 13: Social Psychology
April 26 th	Test #2: Chapter 11, 12, & 13
May 1st	Chapter 14: Personality
May 3rd	Chapter 14: Personality
May 8 th	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders
May 10 th	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders
May 15 th	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders
May 17 th	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders
May 22 nd	STAT No Class
May 24 th	Chapter 16: Therapy
May 29 th	Chapter 16: Therapy
May 31st	Group Presentations
June 5 th	Group Presentations
June 7 th	Group Presentations
June 12 th	Group Presentations
June 14 th	Test #3: Chapter 14, 15 & 16

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