

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: PSYC-130: Contemporary Issues

CLASS SECTION: 001A/B/C

TERM: 2021F

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): LEC

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For COVID-19 information please visit <https://legacy.camosun.ca/covid19/index.html>.

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Bill Wong, PhD

EMAIL: wongw@camosun.ca (use this one and not D2L)

OFFICE: F342B

HOURS: Monday (11:30-12:50); Tuesday (11:30-12:20); Wednesday (11:30-12:50). If you drop by outside of my scheduled office time, I may be busy or teaching another class. Instead, if my posted hours do not work with your schedule, please contact me to arrange a mutually agreeable alternate meeting time.

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course acquaints students with major contemporary issues in psychology and considers their historical antecedents. Topics include the application of psychological knowledge on life span development, personality, abnormal behaviour, social cognition, social influence, and social relations to a variety of contemporary social issues. Topics vary with instructor and changing problems.

PREREQUISITE(S):

One of:

- C in English 12
- C in Camosun Alternative

CO-REQUISITE(S):

See Pre-requisites

EXCLUSION(S):

Not Applicable

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course a 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 & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

Required textbook:

Myers, D. G & DeWall C. N. (2021). *Psychology* (13th ed.). New York, NY: Worth Publishers.

Note: Purchase **Camosun Psychology – Contemporary Issues (Volume 2)** if you are only taking Psyc 130.

Other options include the e-text or full text version for those registering in BOTH Psyc 110 + 130.

Launchpad is the e-supplement that accompanies the text.

Recommended:

1. These links connect to a wide variety of learning skills such as exam prep, active reading and so forth.

<http://camosun.ca/services/writing-centre/learning-skills.html>

<http://camosun.ca.libguides.com/CSSCHome>

2. This is a wonderful online glossary of psychology terms and definitions.

<https://dictionary.apa.org/>

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
Week 1 – Sep 7	Welcome! Course overview, expectations, & inquiries.	Meet in F100
Week 1 – Sep 9	Read: Prologue; (Optional Appendix A & xxxi) -Story of Psychology & critical thinking	Meet in F310
Week 2 - Sep 14	Read before class: Chap 1; (Optional: Appendix B) -Scientific Methods -Developmental issues	
Week 2 - Sep 16	-Activity - bring text to class -Life span development	In Class Activity 1 = 3%
Week 3 - Sep 21	-Read before class: Chap 5 -Life span development	

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
Week 3 - Sep 23	-Activity - bring text to class	In Class Activity 2 = 3%
Week 4 - Sep 28	Read before class: Chap 12 (pages listed below) -Introduction to Emotion (pp. 417-421) -Anger, Happiness, Well-being (pp. 432-440) -Stress & Illness, (pp. 441-452) -Health and Coping (pp. 453-465)	
Week 4 - Sep 30	<i>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – College closed</i>	
Week 5 – Oct 5	Exam 1 (A study guide will be posted on D2L beforehand)	31%
Week 5 – Oct 7	Introduction to Human Personality	
Week 6 - Oct 12	Read before class: Chapter 14 -More on Personality	
Week 6 - Oct 14	-Finish up Personality	
Week 7 - Oct 19	-Read before class: (Chap 11 pp. 381-386) -Discuss basic motivational concepts	
Week 7 - Oct 21	-Quiz on Personality concepts (no text this time)	In Class Activity 3 = 5%
Week 8 - Oct 26	Read before class: Appendix C -Motivation and Work -Introduction to Social Psychology	
Week 8 - Oct 28	-More on Social Psychology	
Week 9 – Nov 2	Read before class: Chap 13 -More on Social Psychology	
Week 9 – Nov 4	-Finish up Social Psychology -Activity - bring text to class	In Class Activity 4 = 4%
Week 10 – Nov 9	Exam 2	31%
Week 10 – Nov 11	<i>Remembrance Day – No classes held</i>	
Week 11 – Nov 16	-Intelligence (pp. 353-367)	
Week 11 – Nov 18	Intro to Chapter 15	
Week 12 – Nov 23	Read before class: Chap 15 -Psychological disorders	
Week 12 – Nov 25	-More on Psychological disorders -Activity - bring text to class	In Class Activity 5 = 4%
Week 13 – Nov 30	-Finish psychological disorders discussion	
Week 13 – Dec 2	Read before class: Chap 15 -Therapy	
Week 14 – Dec 7	-Therapy	
Week 14 – Dec 9	Exam 3	19%

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Exam 1	31%
Exam 2	31
Exam 3	19
In class activities – Several active learning tasks designed to promote your understanding of the course material. Instructions will be provided beforehand. See above for all the due dates.	19
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information. <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Instructor's notes about student responsibilities. I expect students to follow **standards of conduct**:

- All students are expected to follow the College's Student Conduct Policy
- Evaluative tasks must be written as scheduled.** There will be no make-up opportunities without documentation (medical or something equivalent). Please inform the instructor **BEFORE** the missed evaluative activity. If granted, **the instructor will determine the alternate exam date and time (or due date).**
- Evaluative tasks that are copied (identical or plagiarized) between students will result in 0% for ALL students involved.
- Work must be used for this course only. Late evaluative tasks will be reduced and work submitted **> 2 days** past the deadline will not be accepted unless you have permission from me beforehand.
- Students may not use recording devices in the classroom without prior permission of the instructor. Recordings made in class are for the student's personal use only and distribution of recorded material is prohibited.

It is college policy that "If an instructor remains convinced that there has been a violation [such as plagiarism or cheating], he or she may assign a grade of F for the work involved, or for the course."

Instructor's note about your grade

- If you are not satisfied with a grade I have given, you have the right to ask me to regrade the work. Work that I review may receive the same grade, a lower grade, or a higher grade.

B. I reserve the right to ask you to resubmit work, or to show me extra material related to it.

C. I will NOT be offering extra assignments or exams (beyond what is listed on pages 2-3) to improve your final grade.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Department information: <https://legacy.camosun.ca/learn/subjects/psychology/>

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc.). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

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(<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html>) and the Grading Policy at

<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.