



**DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION**

**COURSE OUTLINE—FALL 2011**

**PY1050 SOCIAL AND INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR A2 3 Credits (3-0-0) UT 45 Hours**

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**PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:** none

**REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:**

Gerrig, R.J., Zimbardo, P.G., Desmarais, S., & Ivanco, T. (2012). Psychology and Life (2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Edition)

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

This second introductory course in psychology follows PY1040 and gives students an understanding of themselves and other people through the study of basic concepts, principles, theories and methods used in the scientific study of behavior. The course covers biological and cognitive development, emotion and motivation, social psychology, personality theories, mental and behavioural disorders, treatment of mental and behavioural disorders, and stress and health.

**CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS:**

PY1050 consists of three hours of instructional time each week.

**DELIVERY MODE(S):**

This course includes lectures, class discussions and take-home exercises.

## OBJECTIVES:

As a result of taking this course, students will gain the abilities to define, explain, demonstrate, evaluate and articulate:

- The definitions, descriptions, and methods of measurement of intelligence, personality, knowledge, and creativity.
- The theories of emotion and the relative contributions of nature and nurture
- The theories of motivation
- The theories and fields of Social Psychology: person perception, social perception, attribution theory, conformity, obedience, attitude formation and change, leadership, love and friendship.
- The established historical and current theories of Personality: Psychodynamics, Humanism/Existentialism/Phenomenology, Behaviourism, Cognitivism, and Trait theory.
- The theories of Human Development including biological, physical, intellectual, social, and moral development across the lifespan.
- The definitions, descriptions, and causes of abnormal psychology and disorders.
- The current and established treatments of abnormal and disorder psychology: Psychoanalysis, Behavioural Modification, Humanistic, Cognitive, and Drug Therapy
- The current understanding of health and stress in abnormal psychology and the application to the students' own lives and self-healing..

## TRANSFERABILITY:

Students receiving grades of D or D+ will receive GPRC credit. **These grades may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions, however.** Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact their receiving institution to ensure transferability. This course transfers to University of Alberta (PSYCO 105 (3)), University of Calgary (PSYC 205 (3)), University of Lethbridge (PSYC 2XXX (3)), Athabasca University (PSYC 290 (3)), Kings University College (PSYC 251 (3)) MacEwan (PSYC 105(3)) and Concordia University (PSY 105 (3)). Students should check with their receiving institution concerning transferability as all arrangements are subject to change.

## EVALUATION:

1. 4 Quizzes—total = 20%
2. Midterm Exam = 35%; Final Exam = 35%
3. Attendance/Participation –5%
4. Chapter & Class Assignments—total = 5%

## EVALUATION (cont.)

1. **Quizzes.** There will be four quizzes; each will be in a multiple choice format. Each quiz is worth 5%, for a total of 20%. Please refer to page 4 of this course outline for more information on missed quizzes.
2. **Midterm and Final Exam.** The midterm and final exams will include multiple-choice and short answer questions. The multiple choice questions are taken “primarily” from the test-bank and the short answer questions will be taken primarily from the lecture material. The final exam **will not be cumulative**; it will cover material from after the midterm to the end of term. The midterm and final exam are worth 35% each.  
Please refer to pages 5 and 6 of this outline for more information on missing the midterm or final exam.
3. **Attendance.** Student input during lectures is enthusiastically welcomed and strongly encouraged. There are a variety of ways that you can contribute to the lectures, such as asking relevant questions, making insightful comments during the lectures, contributing to discussion during group work. Attendance is taken during each class.
4. **Chapter Assignments.** There will be 8 multiple choice chapter assignments, each comprised of questions taken from Gerrig et al.(2012) test bank. Your marks across all the assignments will be averaged. The average mark of all the assignments is worth 5% of your overall grade.

**GRADING CRITERIA**

<b>Alpha Grade</b>	<b>4-Pt Equivalent</b>	<b>Percentage Guidelines</b>	<b>Designation</b>
<b>A+</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>97 - 100</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>94-96</b>	
<b>A-</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>90-93</b>	<b>First Class Standing</b>
<b>B+</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>85-89</b>	
<b>B</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>80-84</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>B-</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>75-79</b>	
<b>C+</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>70-74</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>65-69</b>	
<b>C-</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>60 - 64</b>	
<b>D+</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>55 - 59</b>	<b>Poor</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>50 - 54</b>	<b>Minimal Pass at GPRC</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0 - 49</b>	<b>Fail -- no credit received</b>
<b>WF</b>	<b>0.0</b>		<b>Fail -- withdrawal after deadline/ no credit received</b>

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:****Lecture Attendance/Absences**

Students are held accountable for all lecture materials and readings. It is your responsibility to keep up with class work. Therefore, you are expected to attend all lectures. Attendance will be taken every class.

If you are absent from a class, all missed material is to be obtained by approaching a fellow student, not the instructor. It would be very unfair for students who miss lectures to be advantaged by getting the instructor's notes. Typically, the quality of note-taking by students is quite variable. Therefore, if you miss a lecture and need to rely on another student as a source for the missed lecture material, it is advised that you **pick your sources very carefully**.

If you are missing a class for excusable reasons (e.g., illness, appointment) and wish to avoid having your attendance/participation grade from being docked, please email me at [ckorpan@gprc.ab.ca](mailto:ckorpan@gprc.ab.ca). Write "Absence from PY1050 Class" in the subject box. Provide the explanation for your absence in your email. Please be aware that I may ask for documentation.

### **Other Responsibilities**

You are also expected to prepare for each lecture by reading the assigned chapters and handouts. Students who prepare for lectures learn and perform much better than students who do not prepare.

Although the instructor feels that all the material in the text book is important and interesting, **limited class time prevents discussion of all the material covered in the text**. You are responsible for learning textbook material (assigned chapters only) that is not discussed in class. Please feel free to approach me outside of class if you wish to get clarification on this material.

### **Missed Quizzes/Exams**

Dates for the quizzes and midterm are included on this course outline. **Quizzes that are missed for any reason will not be rescheduled**. If a student misses a quiz due to **verified** illness, dentistry, accident, emergency, or GPRC obligations (e.g., you are away due to the requirements of another course) the **weight of the quiz will be transferred to the final exam**. If a student misses a quiz for reasons that do not include verified illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency, then a "0" (zero) will be assigned to that quiz. Holidays, employment, etc. are not considered to be excusable reasons to miss any exam in this course. Missing any quiz without explanation from the student will result in a "0" on that quiz.

According to GPRC policy, deferring a missed **Midterm Exam** is at the discretion of the instructor. In my courses, students who miss a midterm because of illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency (verified) may write the midterm at a later date (set by me—I will choose a date that is mutually convenient). When students miss the midterm for reasons that do not include verified illness, dentistry, accident, or emergency, a "0" is assigned to that the midterm. Students who miss the midterm without explanation will receive a "0" on the midterm.

Absences from a registrar-scheduled **Final Exam** fall under GPRC Examination Policy. It is the responsibility of the student to be informed about these policies prior to the final examination period. A description of the policy is available in the GPRC Admissions Guide

and in the Student Handbook. Just to remind you, **final exams begin December 12 and end December 21. These dates are posted in the GPRC Admissions Guide (page 19) and thus have been available to GPRC students for months. Therefore, activities such as holidays or employment during this period are not considered excusable reasons for missing the final. Students who chose to miss the final exam for employment, holiday, or similar reasons will receive a "0" on the final exam. Also note that the final exam will not be scheduled early for students who plan their holidays or other activities during the final exam period.**

If the final exam is missed due to illness, you will be required to submit an application to the Registrar's office for permission to write a deferred exam and must do so within 48 hours of the scheduled exam time. You may defer the final exam for up to 20 days of the end of the examination period. **You will be required to provide documentation for your illness.** (Please see the College Admissions Guide)

### **Student Conduct**

It is expected that all students will display a respectful attitude and behaviour in the classroom. This includes coming to class on time and leaving without disruption to others. Also expected is attention to the instructor and fellow students during discussions of topics relevant to the course. Disrespect will not be tolerated. Examples of disrespectful behaviour include talking while the instructor or fellow students are discussing course material, making rude, destructive comments, reading the newspaper, putting your feet up on the desk, putting your head down on the desk for a nap, and so on. Also, unless you are awaiting a call about something of a very very very very serious nature, **TURN OFF YOUR CELLPHONE RINGER!!!!**. Phones that ring during lectures cause a lot of distraction. Furthermore, people answering these calls during class cause even more distraction. Loving to listen to music is wonderful, but **LISTEN TO YOUR MUSIC OUTSIDE OF CLASS!!!** Instructors and other students can often hear the music which creates a distraction. Furthermore, such behaviour is disrespectful to instructors. Finally, **TEXTING IN CLASS IS ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN!!!!** Although texting is not disruptive per se, it detracts from your learning and again, is quite disrespectful. Students unable to meet these expectations will be required to leave the class in the interest of preserving the learning opportunities of other students.

Please refer to pages 49-52 of the College Admissions Guide for more information regarding the conduct expected of students

## PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Please refer to pages 50 of the GPRC Admissions Guide regarding plagiarism, cheating and the resultant penalties. You may also refer to the GPRC Policies website to get more information on Plagiarism and Cheating:

<http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/Student%20Misconduct%20Plagiarism%20and%20Cheating.pdf>

Plagiarism and cheating are taken seriously and will be dealt with severely.

Instructors reserve the right to use electronic plagiarism detection services on written assignments.

Instructors also reserve the right to ban the use of any form of electronics (cell phones, Blackberries, iPods, scanning pens, electronic dictionaries, etc.) during class and during exams.

## EXAM SCHEDULE

October 4	Quiz 1 (Chapters 10, 11)
October 27	Quiz 2 (Chapters 12, 13)
November 1	Midterm Exam (Chapters 10 to 13)
November 17	Quiz 3 (Chapters 14, 15)
December 9	Quiz 4 (Chapters 16, 17)
December 12-21	Final Exam (Chapters 14 to 17). The final exam will be held at some point between Dec 12 and 21; the college sets the date for the final exam.

**TENTATIVE LECTURE SCHEDULE**

WEEK	TOPIC	REQUIRED READINGS
1	Course Outline; True-False Questions	-
2	Intelligence and Intelligence Assessment	CHAPTER 10
3	Human Development Across the Life Span	CHAPTER 11
4	Human Development Across the Life Span	CHAPTER 11
5	Motivation	CHAPTER 12
6	Motivation	CHAPTER 12
7	Emotion, Stress, and Health	CHAPTER 13
8	Emotion, Stress, and Health	CHAPTER 13
9	Understanding Human Personality	CHAPTER 14
10	Psychological Disorders	CHAPTER 15
11	Psychological Disorders	CHAPTER 15
12	Therapies for Psychological Disorders	CHAPTER 16
13	Social Psychology	CHAPTER 17

**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

Sept 14	Last day to <u>add</u> fall and full-year courses
Sept 22	Last day to <u>drop</u> courses without paying tuition for the dropped courses
Sept 22	Last day to pay tuition without paying a penalty for late payment
Oct 10	Thanksgiving—No Classes
Nov 2	Last day to withdraw from courses with permission (without failure) or changing course status. Withdrawal from any course after this date may result in a failing grade because a mark of 0% will be assigned to the incomplete portion of the course work.
Nov 11	Remembrance Day/Fall Break—No Classes
Dec 9	Last Day Of classes for University Transfer courses



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Student Rights and Responsibilities:** Please refer to page 49-52 of the Admissions Guide regarding Student Rights and Responsibilities or refer to the college website

<http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.pdf>

**Friendship Centre:** The Friendship Centre at Grande Prairie Regional College provides a space for all students to meet, do homework, retrieve or leave messages, obtain community resources material, or just relax. The on-campus Friendship Centre is available for sharing circles, gatherings, study groups, and tutoring sessions. Everyone is welcome.

**Campus Security:** You should be aware that GPRC is no safer than the rest of Grande Prairie. Attacks on campus, as well as theft and vandalism have been occurring with increasing frequency. For your safety, Campus Security will provide a 24-hour Safe Walk service anywhere on campus. Call 780-539-2700 or use the blue phones on campus.

**Learning Support Centre:** The Learning Support Centre is available to all students who wish to improve their academic skills and ability to learn. Students can receive help with their writing (essay structure, grammar, formatting), as well as with math and science problems. Workshops on exam anxiety, study skills, noting taking, and other important skills are also offered here. The Learning Centre is in the Library.