

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY		
COURSE OUTLINE		
TERM: Fall 2015	COURSE NO: PSYC 415	
INSTRUCTOR:	COURSE NAME: PSYCHOLOGY AND THE INTERNET	
OFFICE: LOCAL:	SECTION NO:	CREDITS: 3
E-MAIL:		

COURSE FORMAT: This is a mixed mode course. Each week will have 1.5 hours in the classroom, followed by 1.5 hours of online work to be completed during that week, for a 15 week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams. Fourth-hour activities will be completed online.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: 45 credits of 100-level or higher coursework including PSYC 100 and 101.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The existence of the Internet has revolutionized the potential for instant and nomadic communication, interaction, collaboration and production on a scale unprecedented in human history. The costs and benefits of applications for these uses require examination, empirical enquiry and social commentary. This inter-disciplinary course will use psychology as a framework for this analysis.

This course will cover the development of the Internet in a historical context, and explore how personal and collective relationships to technology influence daily life. We will examine the empirical research evaluating the personal and collective social and psychological costs and benefits of Internet use, especially of activities that exist or are experienced in wholly online formats.

- COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**
- Successful students will be able to:
- Demonstrate (in exams, written assignments and original research) a breadth and depth of knowledge of current research and theory in psychology as it relates to use of the Internet.
 - Demonstrate research skills, critical thinking, and analytical and synthesis skills in evaluating research within the field.
 - Identify and apply the concepts in the course to the ethical and social issues concerning global Internet use.
 - Communicate their research, analyses and applications in written and verbal formats.
 - Complete both independent and cooperative assignments.
 - Demonstrate an ability to apply the course concepts to analyse their own Internet use.

REQUIRED READINGS: Readings will be available on the course Moodle site.

COURSE CONTENT: Format will be a combination of lecture, presentations, discussion and online work. 50 % of the course is completed online and will require students to participate in a range of online activities including reading, writing, and discussion.

EVALUATION PROFILE:

Final Exam	30%
Assignments	70%

GRADING PROFILE:

A+ = 90 - 100%	B+ = 77 - 79%	C+ = 67 - 69%	D = 50 - 59%
A = 85 - 89%	B = 73 - 76%	C = 63 - 66%	F = 0 - 49%
A- = 80 - 84%	B- = 70 - 72%	C- = 60 - 62%	

ASSIGNMENTS:

Details on assignments will be handed out in class.

OPERATIONAL DETAILS:

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. Copies of these and other policies are available online.

Attendance:

Students are required to attend all classes and are responsible for all announcements made in class, online by email to University webmail addresses or on course website, and for all material in the course outline.

Cheating and Plagiarism:

The psychology department adheres to the definition of cheating and plagiarism found online at: <http://www.capilanou.ca/current/policies/university-policies/>. Cheating and plagiarism may result in a grade of zero, either for the assignment or the entire course.

Missed Exams:

Make-up exams are given only in exceptional circumstances as arranged with the instructor and with appropriate documentation to the instructor.

Late Assignments:

Due dates for papers and assignments will be announced and guidelines will be distributed on a separate handout. Late assignments will be penalized by 5% per day for up to one week. No assignments will be accepted after this time except for cases of illness, in which case a doctor's note is required.

Incomplete Grades:

Incomplete grades will be given only in exceptional circumstances.

English Usage:

University level writing skills are required in all assignments. American Psychology Association (APA) writing guidelines, including the use of nonsexist language, must be followed. APA reference guide on the web: <http://www.capilanou.ca/programs/psychology/students/apa.html>

All assignments must be original and must be used for this course only. Keep copies of all drafts labelled "Draft1," "Draft2," etc. Hand in the original which must be typed.

Confidentiality:

The psychology department adheres to professional standards of ethics and confidentiality. Personal information that you give to an instructor would not normally be shared with anyone outside the department without your authorization. However, there are a few exceptional circumstances in which an instructor may be required by law to disclose information about you, e.g. if there is an indication that a minor (under the age of 19) is being abused sexually or physically, or neglected; or, disclosure of information is made necessary for legal proceedings; and certain other circumstances about which you may inquire.

Electronic Devices:

Laptop computers may be used in class provided they are not distracting to others and are used solely for note-taking. No personal electronic devices may be used in class or during an exam without prior approval from the instructor.

Emergency Procedures

Please read the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.