



MASKWACIS CULTURAL COLLEGE
University Studies
Course Code/Title PSYCH 1500
Course level 1st Year
Course term/ date Fall 2017

Course dates: September 6, 13, 20, 27; Oct 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Room No. 102

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Academic Calendar description and credit hour breakdown:

University Transfer Course (MCC) 13-3-0

This course is an overview of the various disciplines and principles within the study of psychology. Theories from the Euro-North American and Indigenous perspective will be presented in a holistic framework. Topics covered include behavior, human development, sensation and perception, consciousness, learning and memory. This course is a prerequisite to most courses in psychology.

Required Course Materials –Coon, D., Mitterer, J.O., Brown, P., Malik, R., McKenzie, S. (2014). Psychology A Journey (4th Canadian Edition). Toronto, ON: Nelson Education Ltd.

Additional Optional Resources: Study Guide, Elders, Tues & Wednesday groups

- Book Companion Web site: www.psychologyjourney3ce.nelson.com
- InfoTrac website: www.infotrac-college.com

Prerequisites and Co-requisite information: There are no prerequisites for this course. Psychology 1500 is a prerequisite for all other psychology courses.

Course Objectives:

- To describe principles and concepts related to psychological processes underlying perception, learning, cognition and behaviour.
- To provide a deeper appreciation of the scope of psychology from both an Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspective
- To demonstrate the value of psychological applications to everyday life.
- To engage in critical thinking and to appreciate the “science” of psychology.
- To become familiar with research and methodology in psychology.
- To lay the foundation for further study in psychology.
- To introduce the student to writing using APA format.

Learning outcomes: At the end of this course, the students will be able to:

1. Identify and discuss key Indigenous and Non-Indigenous psychological theories and concepts.
2. Apply psychological concepts to situations occurring in everyday life- theoretically, professionally and personally.
3. Summarize and evaluate research findings relevant to psychology.
4. Be able to prepare a paper using APA format

Assignment	Request for	Percentage of total grade	Due date
#1	Attendance at groups & class	10%	Various dates
#2	Chapter Quizzes	10%	Various dates
#3	Midterm Exam	35%	October 18, 2017
#4	Research Assignment	10%	November 29, 2017
#5	Final Exam	35%	December 6, 2017
Total		100%	

Chapter Quizzes: Quizzes are to you keep up with the reading and to help you prepare you for the exams. The Quizzes will be done before class lecture will begin, students not in attendance or arriving late will not be allowed to do a quiz.

Research Written Assignment: This will be an 8 – 10 page paper (double-spaced and in APA format). You will select an area of interest within the course work. You will analyse your topic by researching the online resources available and discuss with the Elder about the same topic from an Indigenous Cree perspective on development.

Mid-Term & Final Exam: These will each be a three (3) hour in class exam. The midterm will cover introduction and chapters 1-3 and the Final will cover chapter 4-7.

Attendance: Student support groups will be offered every Tuesday and Wednesday at noon. These groups are strongly encouraged to support your wellbeing, study skills, test taking and paper writing. Your attendance will be reported back to me. 5% for groups and 5% will be related to class attendance.

Grading system revised April 2017

Descriptor	Grade point value	Percentage	Alpha grade	Standing
Outstanding performance	4.0	95 or above	A +	Honours
Excellent performance – superior performance showing comprehensive knowledge of the subject matter	4.0	85 – 94.99	A	Honours
Approaching excellent	3.7	80-84.99	A-	Honours
Exceeding good performance	3.3	77-79.99	B+	
Good performance – clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete	3.0	73-76.99	B	
Approaching good performance	2.7	70-72.99	B-	
Exceeding Satisfactory performance	2.3	67-69.99	C +	
Satisfactory performance basic understanding of the subject matter	2.0	63-66.99	C	Minimal pass
Approaching satisfactory performance	1.7	60-62.99	C-	
Insufficient prep for subsequent courses in same subject	1.3	55-59.99	D+	
Insufficient prep for subsequent courses	1.0	50-54.99	D	
Failure. Did not meet course requirements	0.0	0-49.99	F	
Incomplete	0.0	0.0	I	

Schedule of lectures and topics covered:

	Date	Topic	Readings	Additional guests or info	Assignments Due (as a reminder)
1	September 6	Intro, Studying,	Introduction , Chapter 1		
2	September 13	Psych & Research	Chapter 1		Quiz 1
3	September 20	Brain & Behavior	Chapter 2		Quiz 2
4	September 27	Brain & Behavior	Chapter 2		
5	October 4	Human Development	Chapter 3		Quiz 3
6	October 11	Indigenous Cree development		Guest Speaker-Elder	
7	October 18	Midterm Exam	Intro, Ch 1,2&3		MIDTERM
8	October 25	Sensation& Perception	Chapter 4		Quiz 4
9	November 1	States of Consciousness	Chapter 5		Quiz 5
10	November 8	Conditioning & Learning,	Chapter 6		Quiz 6
11	November 15	Memory	Chapter 7		Quiz 7
12	November 22	APA format	Handouts		
13	November 29	Review	Chapter 4-7		FINAL PAPER
exam	December 6		Chapter 4,5,6&7		FINAL EXAM

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Attendance: Attendance at class is a great predictor of course grades. Students are encouraged to attend every class. Students who miss two consecutive classes without reasonable explanation ahead of time will be referred to Student Services for follow up. Participation grades are given for participation which means being prepared to participate by reading materials ahead of time. In some classes discussion is vital for thorough understanding of the subject matter.

Student Success Services is available for all students who require additional help with study skills, time management, exam preparation skills, tutoring, and any other personal life skills.

Student conduct: Students are expected to behave in a professional manner with honesty and integrity. Please refer to the Student Guide for details and adhere to all expectations.

Plagiarism: is a serious Academic offence. The consequence of such an offence is suspension or termination from the program or from the College. Please discuss plagiarism with your instructor or Student Services to fully understand what this entails.

Late assignments and projects: Assignments are due at the beginning of the class on the due date. Five percent (5%) will be deducted each day that an assignment is late. Assignments will not be accepted after 5 days unless for extreme circumstances. The instructor may consider an extension if notified 48 hours prior to due date and supporting documentation of an acceptable reason is provided. Extensions will not be granted if not requested ahead of the due date. If you are late with assignments, it is often very difficult to catch up and obtain a reasonable grade. If you need help, please ask your instructor first, then your advisor.

Accommodation: Students who require accommodation in this course due to any type of disability must discuss this with their instructor and Advisor.

Re-appraisal of grades: Any student seeking a re-appraisal of grades must discuss this with the instructor within two weeks of the work being returned. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome of that discussion, further discussion can take place with the Dean of the program.

Contract: This course outline is a contract between the instructor and the students. At times course outlines need to change, however, all students will be consulted prior to final change.

APA formats: Please see the following videos for assistance:

[Maskwacis Cultural College - APA Formatting & Title Page](#)
[Maskwacis Cultural College - APA - Citing One and Two Authors](#)
[Maskwacis Cultural College - APA - Personal Communications](#)
[Maskwacis Cultural College - APA - Reference Page](#)

FALL TERM 2017

September

4 Labour Day – college closed
 5 Orientation for students
 6 Classes begin
 20 Registration: ADD/Drop deadline

October

3 Tuition Refund (50%)
 9 Thanksgiving Day - *MCC closed*
 24 Mid-term grades due

November

13 Remembrance Day – *MCC closed*
 17 Withdrawal deadline (W)

December

5 Last Day of classes
 6-14 EXAM week for University Classes
 19 Final grades due
 20 Holiday Season begins College closed

2 College Closed
 3 Admin Day
 4 Classes begin
 17 Registration: Add/drop deadline

February

1 Application to Grad deadline
 1 Tuition refund (50%)
 19 Family Day – *MCC closed*
 19-23 Reading week – no classes
 26- Mar 2 – mid-term exam week

March

Feb 26 – Mar 2 – mid-term exams
 1 Deadline to apply for Fall 2018
 9 Mid-term grades due
 10 Withdrawal Deadline (W)
 30 Good Friday – *MCC Closed*

April

2 Easter Monday – *MCC Closed*
 3 Last Day of classes
 9-13 Exam week
 20 Final grades due

Winter Term 2017

January

Academic approval by  _____ President

Cultural content approved by  _____ Elder Jerry Saddleback

Approvals must be obtained prior to start of classes and will be organized by the Dean of Academic Studies with a signed copy sent to the instructor for copies to students.

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