



MASKWACIS CULTURAL COLLEGE

**Psychology
PSYCH 1501
1st year
Winter 2017**

Tuesdays, January 10 – April 4, 2017
Room 102
9:15am-12:00pm

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Academic Calendar description and credit hour breakdown:

University Transfer Course (MCC) 13-3

Introduction to Psychology. This course provides an introduction to the field of Psychology including the study of cognition & intelligence, motivation and emotion, personality, health stress and coping, social behaviour, and psychological disorders and treatment

Required Text(s):

Coon, D., Brown, Mitterer, J. O., Brown, P., Malik, R., & Mackenzie. S. (2014). *Psychology: A journey (4th Canadian Edition)*. Toronto, ON: Nelson.

Additional Resources:

In class presentation from First Nations speaker. Details TBA.

Stout, M. D., & Kipling, G. (2003). Aboriginal people, resilience and the residential school legacy.
<http://nctr.ca/reports.php>

Wesley-Esquimaux, C. C., & Smolewski, M. (2004). Historic trauma and aboriginal healing.
<http://nctr.ca/reports.php>

Prerequisites and Co-requisite information: Psych 1500 is recommended.

Detailed Individualized course description:

This course provides an introduction to the field of Psychology. This includes the study of cognition & intelligence, motivation and emotion, personality, health stress and coping, social behaviour, and psychological disorders and treatment. The purpose of this course is to provide students with an opportunity to gain knowledge and awareness into basic psychological concepts, theories and treatments. This course will be facilitated through lectures, participatory

group activities and videos. Class discussions, videos, articles, and guest speakers will be used to introduce and elaborate on First Nations' perspectives in the field of Psychology.

Course Objectives: The objective of this course is to introduce students to important theories and research in the field of Psychology. Students should have an understanding of how this information is studied and applied to real world settings. In addition students will be introduced to the APA format. Students are expected to demonstrate an application of this information in their assignments and exams.

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

- Recognize and understand basic concepts and theories in psychology
- Be able to apply psychological concepts to their lives and communities
- Apply the APA guidelines to their writing

Assignments:

Assignment	Request for	Percentage of total grade	Due date
#1	Midterm exam	15%	
#2	Midterm exam	15%	
#3	Final Exam	20%	
#4	Journal/Weekly Assign.	40%	Weekly
#5	Participation	5%	Weekly
#6	Quizzes	5%	Random
Total		100%	

Grading system rating:

Letter Grade	Grade Point	Percentage	
A+	4.0	95-100	Excellent
A	3.7	90-94	
A-	3.3	85-89	(Honours)Advanced Diploma
B+	3.0	79-84	(Honours) Diploma
B	2.7	72-78	
B-	2.5	66-71	
C	2.0	62-65	
C-	1.7	59-61	
D	1.3	55-58	
F	0	< 54	

Psychology 1501 -Course Outline

January 10	Introduction to Course Outline Chapter 8: Intelligence, Cognition, Language, and Creativity
January 17	Chapter 8: Intelligence, Cognition, Language, and Creativity Chapter 9: Motivation & Emotion Journal/Assignment #1 Due
January 24	Chapter 9: Motivation & Emotion Journal/Assignment #2 Due
January 31	Chapter 10: Personality Journal/Assignment #3 Due
February 7	Midterm #1 on Chapters 8, 9 & half of Ch. 10 Chapter 10: Personality
February 14	Chapter 11: Psychological Disorders Journal/Assignment #4 Due
February 21	No Class
February 28	Chapter 11 Psychological Disorders Chapter 12: Health Stress & Coping Journal/Assignment #5 Due
March 7	Chapter 13: Health Stress & Coping
March 14	AM: Midterm #2 on Chapters 10, 11 & 12

	PM: Chapter 14: Therapies
March 21	Ch. 14. Therapies Journal/Assignment #6 Due
March 28	Ch 14. Social Psychology Journal/Assignment #7 Due
April 4	Ch 14. Social Psychology Guest Speaker Journal/Assignment #8 Due
April 11	Cumulative Final Exam

*****Students are expected to read the textbook chapter prior to class*****

*** Course outline may be subject to change.

Weekly Journals

As of the 2nd class students will be expected to hand in a weekly journal/assignment related to their weekly reading. Journals must be handed in at the beginning of class (I will accept journals e-mailed prior to midnight with a 5% deduction). The lowest two marks (including absences) will be dropped. Specific topics will be assigned weekly. Journal assignments may involve accessing library resources.

Assignments must be done in APA format. Please see the following websites and videos for assistance:

http://guides.library.ualberta.ca/ld.php?content_id=15212467

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

[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](#)

Attendance Policy

Students are required 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.* If absence from an exam is necessary due to extenuating circumstances, documentation (doctor's note etc.) may be required. **Instructor must be contacted prior to exam to make alternate arrangements.**

Class Notes

Class notes will be e-mailed to all students prior to the corresponding class. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that notes are printed off or copied prior to the class.

Cell Phone Policy

Please refrain from using your cell phone until designated breaks. Cell phone usage during an exam may lead to suspicions of academic dishonesty and resulting penalties.

Deferring Exams or Assignments and Plagiarism

Exams: If you are unable to write an exam due to extenuating circumstances you **MUST** inform the instructor **BEFORE** the regularly scheduled time for the exam. If the instructor is not notified prior to the exam you will receive a 0% on the exam.

Assignments: All late assignments will have an automatic late penalty of 10% applied. Students will have a grace period of up to 2 school days after its due date. Please be advised that the **grace period cannot be extended.** Under extenuating circumstances extensions may be granted BEFORE the due date. If students choose to e-mail their assignments **they MUST be emailed to lara.work@live.com . Assignments e-mailed to other addresses will not be marked.**

Plagiarism: Copying from websites, textbooks, articles, or other sources is not acceptable and will result in a 0% on the assignment. Plagiarism may also result in a 0% in the course as well as disciplinary action from the college.

Additional Information:

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.

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

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 students is not satisfied with the outcome of that discussion, further discussion can take place with the Dean of the program.

WINTER TERM 2017

January

- 3 Admin Day
- 4 Classes begin
- 18 Registration: Add/drop deadline
- 27 Fee payment Deadline

February

- 1 Application to Grad deadline
- 1 Tuition refund (50%)
- 20 Family Day – MCC closed

- 20-24 Reading week – no classes
- 27- Mar 3 – mid-term exam week

March

- 1-3 mid-term exams
- 1 Deadline to apply for Fall 2017
- 9 Mid-term grades due
- 10 Withdrawal Deadline (W)

April

- 4 Last Day of classes
- 5-12 Exam week
- 14 Good Friday – MCC closed
- 17 Easter Monday –closed
- 21 Final grades due

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.