

Culture and Psychology PSYC 3050-001
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Course Info: Nexus <https://nexus.uwinnipeg.ca/>

Textbook: Heine, S. J. (2015). Cultural psychology (3rd ed.). New York: W. W. Norton.

Additional readings assigned at the instructor's discretion.

Course Description

This course will examine psychological research findings, theory, and methods related to the study of human behaviour and experience as a function of culture. Culture will be interpreted to include ethnicity and social class, but may also include other general factors that have a similarly broad effect in psychology. We will examine the influence of culture on such psychological domains, as: basic perceptual and cognitive processes, human development and family processes, and issues in social, personality, clinical, and abnormal psychology. Specific methodological and theoretical issues, such as proposals for indigenous psychological theories and methods, will also be considered. Pre-requisite: At least 3 credit hours in psychology beyond the 1000 level or permission of instructor.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course you will:

- have developed an appreciation of the importance of culture in psychological research
- understand the role of culture in a variety of psychological domains
- understand the methods and theories of cultural research
- be able to assess cultural events in terms of relevant psychological processes
- have gained knowledge of what psychology looks like in other countries

Evaluation

Your grade in this course will be based on two exams, a short group presentation, and a final project. Exams will include both multiple choice items and short answer questions. Please bring photo identification to all tests. No outside aids or equipment are permit during tests.

Both the group presentation and final project will require you to research psychology as it exists in another country and to present your findings. Please note that not all group members need to participate in the class presentation itself. You are encouraged to be creative when it comes to the format of your final project and have the option of submitting either an individual or group

final project. All written work submitted for evaluation should be text processed. Full details about the group presentation and final project will be provided on a separate handout.

Final projects are to be submitted electronically via the course Nexus website. Late assignments will be penalized one letter grade per day. (Due dates are listed below.)

Students who miss a test or examination for a valid reason (e.g., illness, death in the family) must contact the instructor within 48 hours of the scheduled test. Appropriate documentation accounting for the missed test must be provided before a make-up test can be written. Similar documentation must be submitted for late assignment submissions to be accepted without penalty.

Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the University of Winnipeg Regulations & Policies, especially those regarding academic misconduct (e.g., plagiarism, cheating):

<http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf>

Mid-term Exam	40%
Final Exam	40%
Group Presentation	5%
Final Project	15%

Marks will be translated to letter grades, following any adjustments to marks, as follows:

90+ = A+	75-79 = B+	65-69 = C+	50-59 = D
85-89 = A	70-74 = B	60-64 = C	<50 = F
80-84 = A-			

Note: grades are tentative until approved, and can be adjusted by the Instructor, the departmental DRC, or Senate before approval.

Schedule

Week	Reading	Evaluation
Jan. 4	Ch. 1: What is Cultural Psychology?	
Jan. 9 & 11	Ch. 2: Culture and Human Nature & Ch. 3: Cultural Evolution	
Jan. 16 & 18	Ch. 4: Methods for Studying Culture and Psychology	
Jan. 23 & 25	Ch. 5: Development and Socialization	
Jan. 30 & Feb. 1	Ch. 6: Self and Personality	Jan. 29: Presentation PowerPoint slides and references due by 11:59pm Jan. 30: Presentations
Feb. 6 & 8	Ch. 6 & 7: Living in Multicultural Worlds	
Feb. 13 & 15	Ch. 7: Living in Multicultural Worlds	Feb. 15: Mid-term Exam (covering Ch. 1-7)

Feb 19-23: Reading Week		
March 14: FINAL DATE to withdraw from course without academic penalty. Please note that withdrawing before the VW date does not result in a fee refund.		
Feb. 27 & Mar. 1	Ch. 9: Cognition and Perception	
Mar. 6 & 8	Ch. 10: Emotions	
Mar. 13 & 15	Ch. 11: Interpersonal Attraction and Close Relationships	
Mar. 20 & 22	Ch. 12: Morality, Religion, and Justice	
Mar. 27 & 29	Ch. 13 & 14: Physical Health & Mental Health	
Apr. 3	Ch. 14: Mental Health	Apr. 3: Final Projects Due by 11:59pm via Nexus
April 9-21 Exam Period: Final Exam Date TBA (covering Ch. 9-14)		

**The course schedule is tentative and subject to change at the instructor's discretion. All topics listed on the outline may not be covered*

Note the University is closed February 19th (Louis Riel Day) and March 30th (Good Friday).

When it is necessary to cancel a class due to exceptional circumstances, every effort will be made to inform you via your uwinnipeg email, as well via class cancellation forms posted outside the classroom.

Additional Information for Students

All students, faculty and staff have the right to participate, learn and work in an environment that is free of harassment and discrimination. The UW Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy may be found online at www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect

Students with documented disabilities, temporary or chronic medical conditions, requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams (e.g., private space) or during lectures/laboratories (e.g., note-takers) are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 786-9771 or accessibilityservices@uwinnipeg.ca to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential.

<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility>

Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide opportunity for students to make-up work and/or examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found at: <http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf>