

PSY 0290 Guided Study in Current Issues I
Department of Psychology, CUHK
2006-2007 1st Semester

Course Instructor

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Course Time & Location

Monday 9:30 to 11:15 ELB 405

Class Web Page

<http://cuforum.cuhk.edu.hk>

Course Objectives

The purpose of this course is to introduce current psychological issues in the daily life context. Three key areas will be covered in the course, including mental health, human development, and business psychology. Guest speakers from local organizations are invited to conduct guest lectures and lead the discussion on selected topics and students are expected to provide feedback.

Assessment Guidelines

Individual Reflections: Students are to choose ONE guest lecture from EACH of the three key areas to write a personal reflection (2 A4 pages maximum), totaling to 3 reflections throughout the semester. The due date is ONE week after the corresponding lecture (i.e. the subsequent Monday at 5 p.m.) If it is a holiday, the deadline will be the subsequent Tuesday at 5 p.m. Please submit a hard copy to tutors in person, or to the course pigeon hole outside Sino Building 3rd floor. Soft copies will NOT be accepted. One mark will be deducted PER DAY for late submissions. The reflections will NOT be marked if it is late for ONE week or more.

Students are also required to do a group-based research during the semester under the supervision of the course instructor and tutors. They have to choose ONE of the three key areas and find an applied issue of interest (either from news or from literature). They should then analyze the issue and apply relevant materials learnt from the guest lectures and psychological theories in their presentation. The presentation should last for NO MORE THAN 25 minutes (including 5 minutes Q&A). They are to form groups of 5 (with one group having 6 members) and submit the group list to tutors no later than the 8th September, 2006.

Attendance & Participation: Students are expected to attend every lesson on time. ONE mark will be deducted for EACH absence without appropriate reasons. Relevant documentary proofs of absence must be provided in cases of sickness or other events. Students are also encouraged to actively participate in the guest lectures/student presentations and engage in the group discussions. Bonus marks will be awarded to students who show positive contributions to the lectures.

Course Evaluation

Group Presentation	45%
3 Individual Reflections	45% (15% @)
Attendance & Participation	10%

Total	100%

Course Outline & Schedule

Date	Lecture Topic
4 Sept	Introduction by Prof. Fanny Cheung, Chairperson, Department of Psychology, CUHK
11 Sept	Psychological Problems in Modern Society (Mental Health)
18 Sept	Consumer Behaviors (Business Psychology)
25 Sept	Presentation I
2 Oct	<i>Public Holiday: The Day Following National Day</i>
9 Oct	Parenting Issues (Human Development)
16 Oct	Mental Health Rehabilitation Service in Hong Kong (Mental Health)
23 Oct	Presentation II
30 Oct	<i>Public Holiday: Chung Yeung Festival</i>
6 Nov	Language Development (Human Development)
13 Nov	Public Relations (Business Psychology)
20 Nov	Presentation III
27 Nov	Overall Summary

University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work

Attention is drawn to University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and to the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/> . With each assignment, students will be required to submit a statement that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines and procedures.

(To be signed by students at the beginning of the semester)

I declare that the assignment here submitted is original except for source material explicitly acknowledged. I also acknowledge that I am aware of University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and of the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations, as contained in the website <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>

Signature

Date

Name

Student ID

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