

PSY 0290 Guided Study in Current Issues I
Department of Psychology, CUHK
2007-2008 1st Semester

Course Instructor

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Course Time & Location

Thursday 10:30 to 12:15 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: There are three deadlines to hand in personal reflections, they are **4/10**, **25/10** and **15/11**. Students have to choose any ONE of the guest lectures before each deadline, then write a personal reflection (2-3 pages on A4 paper, with font size 12, double line spacing, 500-900 words, please try **NOT** to exceed the word limit as any words beyond the 900 words limit will **NOT** be marked), totaling to 3 reflections throughout the semester. For the first assignment which deadline is 4/10, you could choose one from the first lecture to the fourth one, for the second assignment due on 25/10, choose from the fifth lecture to seventh one, and for the third assignment which deadline is 15/11, choose from the eighth one to the tenth one. Please submit a hard copy to tutors in person, or to the course pigeon hole outside Sino Building 3rd floor before 5 pm of each deadline. Soft copies will **NOT** be accepted. Two marks 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. You could choose any areas in psychology and

find an applied issue of interest (either from news or from literature). You should then analyze the issue and apply relevant materials learnt from the guest lectures and psychological theories in their presentation. You are **STRONGLY** encouraged to consult the course instructor or the tutors about the topic and the materials to be included in your presentation. The presentation should last for **NO MORE THAN 25 minutes** (including 5 minutes Q&A). To guarantee a smooth rundown of the presentation, please make sure you could finish the whole presentation within the time limit. **NO** extra time will be allowed. A maximum of 12 groups have to be formed. Please submit the group list to tutors no later than the 20th September, 2007.

Students will then need to hand in a group project write up as a group (A4 paper, with font size 12, double line spacing, please try **NOT** to exceed 2500 words). Please hand in a hard copy to tutors in person, or to the course pigeon hole outside Sino Building 3rd floor one week after the presentation. Two marks will be deducted **PER DAY** for late submissions.

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.

Course Evaluation

Group Presentation	30%
Group Project Write Up	15%
3 Individual Reflections	45% (15% @)
Attendance & Participation	10%

Total	100%

Course Outline & Schedule

Date	Lecture Topic
6 Sept	Introduction by Prof. Fanny Cheung, Chairperson, Department of Psychology, CUHK
13 Sept	Educational Psychology Research in Hong Kong
20 Sept	Research and Learning Goals of Psychology
27 Sept	Marketing Research and Psychology
4 Oct	Life of Research (Due Day of First Assignment)
11 Oct	Cognitive Psychology
18 Oct	Clinical Psychology
25 Oct	Developmental Psychology (Due day of Second Assignment)
1 Nov	Industrial and Organizational Psychology
8 Nov	Stress Management
15 Nov	Presentation I (Due day of Third Assignment)
22 Nov	No Class
29 Nov	Presentation II
3 Dec	Presentation III

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

Course code Course title