

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY Faculty of Arts

Psyc 321 Industrial & Organizational Psychology Fall 2017

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Course Description

Industrial & Organizational Psychology covers a wide variety of topics related to understanding behavior in the workplace. Students will become familiar with some of the research and theory related to diverse topics in this field including Personnel Selection, Performance Appraisal, Job Attitudes, Leadership, and Organizational Culture. Students will have the opportunity to examine their own personality and values and see how they can be aligned to organizational requirements. The goals of the course include becoming familiar with some of the major theories and empirical findings in the field of I/O Psychology and providing students with developmental feedback on how their personality and values can influence their experiences, attitudes and performance in the workplace.

Course Learning Outcomes

The Department of Psychology is committed to student knowledge and skill development. The table below lists the key learning outcomes for this course, the program-learning outcomes they facilitate (see psyc.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/program-learning-outcomes), and the expected level of achievement.

Course Learning Outcomes	Assessment	PLO(s)	Level(s)
Explain the history and origins of industrial and organizational	MC	1	1
psychology within the context of psychology in general as well as research in business schools			
Identify legal issues related to assessing individuals for employment	MC	6	I
Explain how to develop performance evaluations that are accurate and	MC	1,2,7	1
perceived to be fair by employees			
Recognize common methodological issues related to conducting research	MC	2,3,5	I
in a work setting			
Explain individual and situational factors that determine employee	MC,	1, 2,7	1
attitudes and behaviours	Assignment		
Interpret basic personality and values feedback to assess employee fit for	Assignment	4,5,7	
organizational employment			

Notes. PLOs = Program-Learning Outcomes: 1 = demonstrate knowledge of psychological sciences, 2 = think critically and solve problems, 3 = conduct research and analyze data, 4 = communicate effectively, 5 = demonstrate information literacy, 6 = understand and implement ethical principles, 7 = apply psychological knowledge and skills. Level of PLO achievement facilitated by this course: I = introductory, C = competency, A = advanced.

Prerequisites

Psyc 200 – Principles of Psychology and PSYC 201-Principles of Psychology II

Required Text

No text required.

Assessment Methods

Students in this course will be evaluated by completing three midterm exams and a short take home exercise. No computers or other electronic equipment is permitted during the tests. Notes of any kind are not permitted during the tests.

- Midterm I will be held October 10th and is worth 35% of the final grade. The exam will be multiple choice and cover the lecture and reading material for the first four weeks of class
- Midterm II will be held Nov 16thth at the beginning of the class and is worth 40% of the final grade. The exam will be multiple choice and cover the lecture and reading material following midterm I only.
- Midterm III will be held on Dec. 7th and is worth 10% of the final grade. The exam will be multiple choice and cover the lecture and reading material following midterm 2 only.

Students will complete an online assignment assessing their personality, workplace values and their perceptions of an organization's culture. A short 2 page report on this exercise will be worth 15% of the final grade. This exercise must be completed by October 18th at noon and submitted by email. Instructions will be posted on D2L. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Department of Psychology Criteria for Letter Grades

Psychology professors use the following criteria when assigning letter grades:

A+ grade: Exceptional Performance. An A+ grade indicates near perfect performance on multiple choice and short answer exams. For research papers/essays/course projects/presentations, an A+ grade is awarded for exceptional work deserving of special recognition and is therefore not a common grade.

A, A- Range: Excellent Performance. Superior understanding of course material. Written work is very strong in terms of critical and original thinking, content, organization, and the expression of ideas, and demonstrates student's thorough knowledge of subject matter.

B Range: *Good Performance*. Above average understanding of course material. Written work shows evidence of critical thinking and attention to organization and editing but could be improved in form and/or content.

C Range: *Satisfactory Performance*. Adequate understanding of course material. Knowledge of basic concepts and terminology is demonstrated. Written work is satisfactory and meets essential

requirements but could be improved significantly in form and content. Note: All prerequisites for courses offered by the Faculty of Arts must be met with a minimum grade of C-.

D range: *Marginally meets standards*. Minimal understanding of subject matter. Written work is marginally acceptable and meets basic requirements but requires substantial improvements in form and content. Student has not mastered course material at a level sufficient for advancement into more senior courses in the same or related subjects.

F grade: Course standards not met. Inadequate understanding of subject matter. Written work does not meet basic requirements. Student has not demonstrated knowledge of course material at a level sufficient for course credit.

Grading Scale

Α+	96-100%	B+	80-84%	C+	67-71%	D+	54-58%
Α	90-95%	В	76-79%	С	63-66%	D	50-53%
Α-	85-89%	B-	72-75%	C-	59-62%	F	0-49%

As stated in the University Calendar, it is at the instructor's discretion to round off either upward or downward to determine a final grade when the average of term work and final examinations is between two letter grades.

To determine final letter grades, final percentage grades will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole percentage (e.g., 89.5% will be rounded up to 90% = A but 89.4% will be rounded down to 89% = A-).

Tentative Lecture Schedule

Ideally in table format with date of class, topics to be covered, and chapters/readings to be read. Due dates for tests/exams and assignments should be included in this schedule as well.

[Regular Fall Session (T/R classes) and multi-term course]

Date	Topic/Activity/Readings/Due Date (revise and add columns & rows as necessary)
M Sep11	University Lectures begin.
T Sep 12	Lecture begins. Introduction / History of I/O Psychology
R Sep 14	Research Methods in Organizations
T Sep 19	Legal issues in personnel selection
R Sep 21	Performance Appraisal
F Sep 22	Last day to drop full courses (Multi-term) and Fall Term half courses. No refunds for full courses (Multi-term) or Fall Term half courses after this date.
M Sep 25	Last day to add or swap full courses (Multi-term) and Fall Term half courses. Last day for change of registration from audit to credit or credit to audit.
T Sep 26	Recruiting- Attracting applicants to organizations I
R Sep 28	Recruiting II
F Sep 29	Fee payment deadline for Fall Term full and half courses.

T Oct 3	Personnel selection I
	Take home exercise survey portion to do at home
R Oct 5	Personnel selection II
M Oct 9	Thanksgiving Day, University closed (except Taylor Family Digital Library, Law, Medical,
	Gallagher and Business Libraries). No lectures.
T Oct 10	MidtermI
R Oct 12	Organizational Culture and Image
	Take home exercise Part 2
T Oct 17	Person Organization Fit I
R Oct 19	P-O Fit II
T Oct 24	Job Attitudes I
R Oct 26	Job Attitudes II
T Oct 31	TBA
R Nov 2	Motivation in the workplace I
T Nov 7	Motivation in the workplace II
R Nov 9-12	Reading Days. No lectures.
M Nov 13	Remembrance Day (Observed). University Closed (except Taylor Family Digital Library,
	Law, Medical, Gallagher and Business Libraries). No lectures.
T Nov 14	Power, Politics and Counterproductive Behaviour I
R Nov 16	MidtermII
T Nov 21	Enron Case Study
R Nov 23	Leadership1
T Nov 28	Leadership II
R Nov 30	Teams and Teamwork I
T Dec 5	Teams and Teamwork II
R Dec 7	MidtermIII
F Dec 8	Fall Term Lectures End. Last day to withdraw with permission from Fall Term half
	courses.
Dec 11-21	Fall Term Exam Period.

Reappraisal of Grades

A student who feels that a piece of graded term work (e.g., term paper, essay, test) has been unfairly graded, may have the work re-graded as follows. The student shall discuss the work with the instructor within 15 days of being notified about the mark or of the item's return to the class; no reappraisal of term work is permitted after the 15 days. If not satisfied, the student shall immediately take the matter to the Head of the department offering the course, who will arrange for a reassessment of the work within the next 15 days. The reappraisal of term work may cause the grade to be raised, lowered, or to remain the same. If the student is not satisfied with the decision and wishes to appeal, the student shall address a letter of appeal to the Dean of the faculty offering the course within 15 days of the unfavourable decision. In the letter, the student must clearly and fully state the decision being appealed, the grounds for appeal, and the remedies being sought, along with any special circumstances that warrant an appeal of the reappraisal. The student should include as much written documentation as possible.

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. Consequently, plagiarism or cheating on any assignment is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense. Plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Students should examine sections of the University Calendar that present a Statement of Intellectual honesty and definitions and penalties associated with Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct.

Academic Accommodations

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy. Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the instructor.

Absence From A Test/Exam

Makeup tests/exams are **NOT** an option without an official University medical excuse (see the University Calendar). A completed Physician/Counselor Statement will be required to confirm absence from a test/exam for health reasons; the student will be required to pay any cost associated with this Statement. Students who miss a test/exam have up to 48 hours to contact the instructor and to schedule a makeup test/exam. Students who do not schedule a makeup test/exam with the instructor within this 48-hour period forfeit the right to a makeup test/exam. At the instructor's discretion, a makeup test/exam may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from a regularly scheduled test/exam. Except in extenuating circumstances (documented by an official University medical excuse), a makeup test/exam must be written within 2 weeks of the missed test/exam during exam make-up hours provided by the department http://psychology.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/exam-and-course-information#mues. If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the Registrar's Office, they need to apply for a deferred exam http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final. Under no circumstances will this be accommodated by the department.

Travel During Exams

Consistent with University regulations, students are expected to be available to write scheduled exams at any time during the official December and April examination periods. Requests to write a make-up exam because of conflicting travel plans (e.g., flight bookings) will NOT be considered by the department. Students are advised to wait until the final examination schedule is posted before making any travel arrangements. If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned, they need to apply for a deferred exam http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred final. Under no circumstances will this be accommodated by the department.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act

The FOIP legislation disallows the practice of having student's retrieve tests and assignments from a public place. Therefore, tests and assignments may be returned to students during class/lab, or during office hours, or will be made available only for viewing during exam review sessions scheduled by the Department. Tests and assignments will be shredded after one year. Instructors should take care to not link students' names with their grades, UCIDs, or other FOIP-sensitive information.

Acknowledgments and Respect for Diversity

Our classrooms view diversity of identity as a strength and resource. Your experiences and different perspectives are encouraged and add to a rich learning environment that fosters critical thought through respectful discussion and inclusion. The Department of Psychology would also like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in southern Alberta. The City of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III.

Campus Mental Health Strategy

The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the excellent mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student

Centre, https://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/services/mental-health-services) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website (http://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/).

Course Credits for Research Participation (Max 2% of final grade)

Students in most psychology courses are eligible to participate in Departmentally approved research and earn credits toward their final grades. A maximum of two credits (2%) per course, including this course, may be applied to the student's final grade. Students earn 0.5% (0.5 credits) for each full 30 minutes of participation. The demand for timeslots may exceed the supply in a given term. Thus, students are not guaranteed that there will be enough studies available to them to meet their credit requirements. Students should seek studies early in the term and should frequently check for open timeslots. Students can create an account and participate in Departmentally approved research studies at http://ucalgary.sona-systems.com. The last day to participate in studies and to assign or reassign earned credits to courses is Dec 8, 2017.

Evacuation Assembly Point

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints

Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course.

Student Organizations

Psychology students may wish to join the Psychology Undergraduate Students' Association (PSYCHS). They are located in Administration 130 and may be contacted at 403-220-5567.

Student Union VP Academic: Phone: 403-220-3911 suvpaca@ucalgary.ca

Student Union Faculty Rep.:

arts1@su.ucalgary.ca

Student Ombudsman's Office

The Office of the Student Ombudsmen provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. The office can be reached at 403-220-6420 or ombuds@ucalgary.ca (http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds)

Safewalk

The safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus. This service is free and available 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333.

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course with no "W" notation and **still receive a tuition fee refund** is **September 22, 2017**. Last day for registration/change of registration is **September 25, 2017**. The last day to withdraw from this course is **December 8, 2017**.