Western University Faculty of Health Sciences School of Kinesiology

KIN 2276F Psychology of Exercise Fall 2020

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Lectures: MoWeFr 1:30pm - 2:20pm

Instruction Mode: Online

Office Hours: Virtual Drop-In Wednesdays 2:30 3:30pm

NOTE: All course information including grades, assignment outlines, deadlines, etc. are available via OWL. Check the website regularly for course announcements.

Calendar Course Description (including prerequisites/anti-requisites):

The central purpose of this course is to examine the psychological bases of exercise and physical activity. Emphasis is placed on understanding the motives and barriers underlying involvement in exercise and physical activity, the psychological benefits derived from acute and chronic involvement, the situational and personal determinants associated with failure to initiate and/or adhere to exercise and physical activity programs, and intervention strategies used to stimulate and/or maintain involvement in exercise and physical activity.

You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course pre-requisites, and that you have not taken an anti-requisite course. Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

NOTE: If you wish to enroll in this course without the stated pre-requisite(s), you must obtain written approval from the course instructor. The approval should then be forwarded to your academic counsellor.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Understand the cognitive, social, affective, and behavioural aspects of exercise.
- 2. Critically appraise empirical evidence related to motives and barriers underlying involvement in exercise, and the psychological benefits (and consequences) of acute and chronic exercise.
- 3. Identify and apply theoretical frameworks of exercise behaviour to practical case studies.

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COURSE FORMAT

Class format will consist of synchronous (i.e., live) lectures, which will be recorded and posted online for students to access. Notes will be posted via OWL in advance of each class.

RECOMMENDED COURSE MATERIAL

Lox, C. L., Martin Ginis, K. A., Gainforth, H.L., & Petruzzello, S. J. (2019). *The psychology of exercise: Integrating theory and practice (5th ed.)*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Any other required or recommended readings will be posted on OWL.

COURSE EVALUATION

Component	Grade Value	Date Due	Time Due
Homework Activity Completion	10%	Various (TBD)	
Online Quiz 1	20%	Oct 2nd	11:59pm EST
Online Quiz 2	20%	Oct 30th	11:59pm EST
Online Quiz 3	20%	Dec 4th	11:59pm EST
Group Research Project	30 %	December 9th	11:59pm EST

COURSE SCHEDULE

	Dates	Tentative Topics		
Week 1	Sept 9th	Introduction to Course		
	Sept 11th	Introduction to Exercise Psychology		
Week 2	Sept 14th	Physical Activity Epidemiology		
	Sept 16th	Physical Activity Epidemiology		
	Sept 18th	Physical Activity Epidemiology		
Week 3	Sept 21st	Exercise Behaviour Theories		
	Sept 23rd	Exercise Behaviour Theories		
	Sept 25th	Exercise Behaviour Theories		
Week 4	eek 4 Sept 28th Exercise Behaviour Theories			
	Sept 30th	Q & A Session		
	Oct 2nd	(No Lecture) Quiz 1		
Week 5	Oct 5th	Exercise Interventions		
	Oct 7th	Exercise Interventions		
	Oct 9th	Exercise Interventions		
Week 6	Oct 12th	No Class (Thanksgiving Holiday)		
	Oct 14th	Physical Activity & Mental Health		
	Oct 16th	Physical Activity & Mental Health		
Week 7	Oct 19th	Physical Activity & Mental Health		
	Oct 21st	Physical Activity & Mental Health		
	Oct 23rd	Stress & Stress Reactivity		
Week 8 Oct 26th Stress & Stress Reactivity		Stress & Stress Reactivity		
	Oct 27th	Q & A Session		
	Oct 30th	(No Lecture) Quiz 2		
Week 9	Nov 2nd to Nov 6th	Fall Study Break		

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Week 12 Nov 23rd

Nov 25th Nov 27th Self-

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student is scheduled to write two proctored exams concurrently, will be interpreted as arrangements for continuous proctoring.

8. **Grades**: Where possible assignment objectives and rubrics will be posted on OWL. Should you have a concern regarding the grade you received for an assignment or feel that it is unfair in any way, you must wait 24 hours from the receipt of the assignment to approach the instructor or TA. In doing so, please make an appointment and prepare in writing, with evidence, why you feel your grade is inappropriate. Please be aware that in requesting a grade reassessment, your grade could go up/down/or stay the same. Note that calculations errors (which do occur!) should be brought to my attention immediately.

The course instructor will act as moderator for the class and will deal with any questions from participants. To participate please consider the following:

before beginning your comment or question remember to unmute your microphone and turn on your video camera before speaking self-identify when speaking.

remember to mute your mic and turn off your video camera after speaking (unless directed otherwise)

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