



# COURSE OUTLINE

**Course Name:** Psychology 12 Part 1

**Course Number:** PSYCH 0981

**Number of Credits:** 4.0

**Effective Date:** January 2017

**Course Description:**

Psychology 0981 is a survey course examining the broad field of psychology. In this course, topics include critical thinking and the scientific method as it relates to the field of psychology and an overview of the discipline. This course introduces students to evolution and genetics, the human brain, biological rhythms and states of consciousness, sensation and perception, development through the lifespan, psychological disorders and approaches to therapy and treatment.

PSYCH 0981 and PSYCH 0991 can be taken in either order.

Both PSYCH 0981 and PSYCH 0991 are required for completion of ABE Provincial level Psychology.

**School or Centre:**

School of Arts and Science

**Year of Study:**

ABE Provincial Level (Grade 12)

**Course History:**

Revised Course

**Name of Replacing Course (if applicable):**

**Course Pre-requisites (if applicable):**

Completion of or current enrollment in English 11 or equivalent.

**Course Co-requisites (if applicable):**

**PLAR (Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition)**

No  Yes (details below):

**Instructional Strategies:**

Class-based: Lectures, experiential learning activities, on-line activities, group discussions

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

Students will meet the learning outcomes for ABE Provincial Level Psychology as stated in the most recent ABE Articulation Handbook.

**Program Learning Outcomes:**

If this course is taken as part of the ABE Provincial Certificate program, see the Program Content Guide for the program learning outcomes.

## Evaluation/Grading System

Grading System	Specify if 'Other':	Specify Passing Grade:
Letter Grades		D

## Components and Weighting of the Assessment/Evaluation Plan:

Type	Percentage	Evaluation Plan (provide a brief explanation for each component especially if value exceeds 35%):
Exam	15	non-cumulative exam
Midterm Exam	15	non-cumulative exam
Final Exam	15	non-cumulative exam
Assignments	25	3 to 5 short assignments
Participation	15	in class and on line (chat forums)
Quizzes/Tests	15	group work
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

## Learning Environment/Type

Instruction Type	Hours Per Instruction Type	Comments
L - Classroom	96	
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<b>Total</b>		<b>96</b>

## Resource Material(s):

Resources are items in addition to tuition that the student is responsible for purchasing. Course resource information will be supplied by the department/instructor.

**Course Topics:**

Critical Thinking  
The Scientific Method  
Systems and Theories  
Evolutionary Psychology  
Behavioural Genetics  
The Human Brain  
Biological Rhythms and States of Consciousness  
Sensation and Perception  
Development Through The Lifespan  
Psychological Disorders  
Treatment and Therapy

## VCC Education and Education Support Policies

There are a number of **Education** and **Education Support** policies that govern your educational experience at VCC, please familiarize yourself with them.

The policies are located on the VCC web site at:

<http://www.vcc.ca/about/governance--policies/policies/>

To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at [www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca).

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