

PSYC*6010, Course Outline: Winter 2019

General Information

Course Title: Integrated CCAP Assessment

Course Description: This course takes an empirically guided approach to the process of psychological assessment to examine the cognitive and academic components of integrated cognitive assessment with children and adolescents. The course examines the theoretical and applied aspects of assessing the cognitive processes associated with a range of neurodevelopmental disorders that have important implications for learning. These include: Specific Learning Disorders; Intellectual Disability; Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder; Autistic Spectrum Disorder; and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

Credit Weight: 0.50

Academic Department (or campus): Psychology

Semester Offering: Winter 2019

Class Schedule and Location: Mondays 2:30 pm - 5:20 pm. ROZH #108

Instructor Information

Instructor Name: Arlene Young

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GTA Information

GTA Name: Sandy Erb

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GTA office location and office hours: TBA

Course Content

Specific Learning Outcomes:

After completing this course, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate appreciation for a broad range of theoretical approaches to understanding a variety of neurodevelopmental disorders.

2. Demonstrate and apply knowledge of psychological assessment to evaluate, administer, and interpret assessment instruments.
3. Demonstrate knowledge and critical consideration regarding a wide range of diversity-related issues relevant to psychological assessment, (e.g., age, gender, ethnicity, disability, culture, etc.).
4. Demonstrate the ability to apply and integrate theory and empirical findings in order to plan psychological assessments.
5. Learn, articulate, and demonstrate application of ethical principles and professional practice standards related to psychological assessment.
6. Demonstrate understanding of social-emotional and behavioural correlates of children with learning difficulties.
7. Show knowledge of appropriately and empirically supported recommendations for children and youth experiencing learning disorders and other psychological challenges.
8. Demonstrate skills in professionalism, including punctuality, participation, critical thinking, problem-solving, conflict resolution, feedback, and communication, with peers, course instructor, and guest lecturers.

Lecture Content:

The course focuses on both theoretical and empirically informed clinical practice in integrated cognitive assessment of children and adolescents. Cognitive processes associated with neurodevelopmental disorders that have important implications for learning will be highlighted throughout the course. Course content includes assessment measures, techniques, and interpretation of assessment results. You will also learn to critically evaluate and select recommendations based on the assessment findings and to communicate assessment results in both oral and written form.

The class format is a combination of short lectures, student presentations, discussions, and active learning exercises (case studies, group activities, etc.). Readings will be assigned to provide the background needed to understand the lectures and to participate in the discussions. Attendance and active participation is expected and there will be a variety of group-based and individual activities in class.

A detailed version of the class schedule is provided below. Please review this table in conjunction with assignment descriptions and course assignment deadlines. We will meet weekly throughout the term during scheduled class times. It is your responsibility to ensure adherence to the course schedule and submission of required assignments are made on time.

Course Assignments and Tests:

Assignment or Test	Due Date	Contribution to Final Mark (%)	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Class and applied activity Participation	Throughout the term	20% total - 1 st half (10%) to be given on March 8th (via email) - 2 nd half (10%) to be given at the end of the course	1-8
Test review (presentation & handout for class)	March 18	15% (10% for review and demo and 5% for written handout)	2, 3
Assessment report – draft 1	Jan 28	10%	3-7
Assessment report – draft 2	Feb 25	15%	3-7
Assessment report Draft 3	March 25	15%	3-7
Paper	April 8th	25%	1-8

Class Schedule*

Class Date	Topic
Jan 7	Introduction, extending cognitive assessment - ID
Jan 14	Assessment of Academic Achievement – SLD intro
Jan 21	WIAT-3 Scoring Workshop
Jan 28	SLD reading – Report 1 due
Feb 4	Language skills – SLD written expression
Feb 11	Executive Functions – assessment & associations - ADHD
Feb 18	Winter Break – no class
Feb 25	Visuospatial & visuo-constructive skills – nonverbal assessment
March 4	SLD – Math – assessment and recommendations
March 11	Assessment of learning and memory - recommendations
March 18	Test reviews; testing the limits & selecting measures
March 25	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder & ASD assessment
April 1	Diversity and assessment – course wrap-up

*Please understand that topics and dates may need to be altered to accommodate for student interest and discussion. A schedule of readings will be given out during the first class meeting.

Course Resources

A complete schedule of readings will be made available during the first day of class.

Course Policies

Grading Policies

The following table summarizes due dates, manner of submission, and late penalties for the written submissions.

Assignment	Due Date	Manner of Submission	Late Penalty
Assessment report – first draft	Jan 28th	Email to Instructor and TA	- 3 points immediately. 3 additional points taken off for each day of lateness.
Assessment report – second draft	Feb 25	Email to instructor and TA	- 3 points immediately. 3 additional points taken off for each day of lateness.
Assessment report Final version	March 18	Email to instructor and TA	- 3 points immediately. 3 additional points taken off for each day of lateness.
Test review	In class on March 18th	Delivered to class on assigned day	- 3 points immediately. 3 additional points taken off for each day of lateness.
Paper	April 1st	Email to instructor	- 3 points immediately. 3 additional points taken off for each day of lateness.

Your Role and Responsibilities:

Be an engaged learner. Complete the reading assignments and come prepared for class. Speak up! Offer your opinion. Active discussion and learning from each other are very important for this class. I encourage healthy debate in our discussions but you must also be respectful of other members of the class. Contribute meaningfully in your group work and support fellow group members in their efforts. Put thought and effort into your course work. Be on time for class. University of Guelph's [Statement of Students' Rights and Responsibilities](https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/) in the Graduate Calendar: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/>

University Policies

Academic Consideration

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the academic calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration: [Grounds for Academic Consideration](#)

Academic Misconduct

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and it is the responsibility of all members of the University community, faculty, staff, and students to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring.

University of Guelph students have the responsibility of abiding by the University's policy on academic misconduct regardless of their location of study; faculty, staff and students have the responsibility of supporting an environment that discourages misconduct. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection. Please note: Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member or faculty advisor. The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the [Graduate Calendar](#):

Accessibility

The University of Guelph is committed to creating a barrier-free environment. Providing services for students is a shared responsibility among students, faculty and administrators. This relationship is based on respect of individual rights, the dignity of the individual and the University community's shared commitment to an open and supportive learning environment. Students requiring service or accommodation, whether due to an identified, ongoing disability or a short-term disability should contact [Student Accessibility Services](#) as soon as possible.

For more information, contact SAS at 519-824-4120 ext. 54335 or email accessibility@uoguelph.ca or the [Student Accessibility Services Website](#)

Course Evaluation Information

Please refer to the [Course and Instructor Evaluation Website](#) .

Drop date

The last date to drop one-semester courses, without academic penalty, is March 8th, 2019. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the [Current Graduate Calendar](#).