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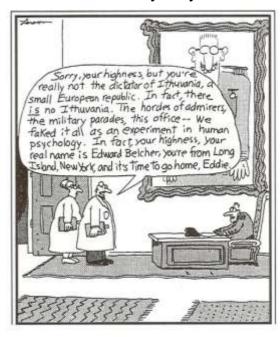
School of Psychology

PSYC121: Introduction to Psychology 1 Course Outline

Trimester 1, 2013: Monday March 4 – Wednesday July 3

Kia ora. Welcome.

PSYC121 (alongside 122) offers a 'shop window' introduction to the psychological study of mind and behaviour. It aims to provide both a stimulating foundation for students intending to major in psychology, and a fascinating general survey of the discipline for students majoring in all other areas. The lectures in PSYC121 present everything you need to develop an introductory knowledge of: the history of psychology, methods in psychological research, social psychology, forensic psychology, abnormal psychology, bicultural psychology and human development. The laboratory programme gives you a chance to work with your classmates and your tutor in small groups to



develop your practical research skills, and give you a chance to work with your classmates in small groups. Your knowledge of psychology will be assessed in a class test and final exam. Your research skills will be assessed through written assignments that report on empirical research. Research skills may also be tested in the test and final exam.

Course Objectives

At the end of the course, you should:

- Understand some of the basic principles and processes that govern how individuals behave in social situations, how we develop, what happens when people go 'wrong', and the application of psychology in some applied settings.
- 2. Be familiar with and be able to describe some of the most important methods that are used to gather evidence about these issues, and how that evidence can be interpreted.
- 3. Be able to analyse and interpret actual data related to these issues, and present your findings according to scientific convention.
- 4. Be able to apply your knowledge of basic psychological processes to understanding human behaviour in everyday 'real world' settings.

Lecture times and location

Stream 1 (course code CRN1421): Tues, Thurs, Fri 2.10-3.00 pm in KKLT303

Stream 2 (course code CRN4692): Tues, Thurs, Fri 12.00-12.50 pm in KKLT303

Most people think that lectures are where you get lectured AT, where people tell you stuff that you need to suck up like a sponge. Some lectures may be like that, and there'll be very good reasons for it, but many won't be. Lectures are places where you learn HOW to learn about psychology, and a place where the stuff we ask you to read comes alive. Even though lectures aren't compulsory (nobody will take a roll), you shouldn't think of them as an optional hour in your day – what you encounter in a single hour-long lecture could be the difference between 'getting it' or missing the point entirely.

Note that PSYC121 is a popular paper – if you want to guarantee a seat, make sure you're outside the lecture theatre ten minutes before the scheduled start of the lecture.

Practical Classes (Labs)

The labs aim to develop your research skills. They also provide you with a learning environment in smaller groups so that you can have more interactive contact in learning. It is also an opportunity for students to learn from each other by sharing their special expertise and insights. We hope you will find them both challenging and fun.

Labs are not compulsory, but they include assessments which you won't get credit for if you're not there. In labs you will learn how to write lab reports. These form an important part of the assessment for the course. Lab exercises will extend your understanding of the lecture material, and lab content will also appear in tests and in the exam. Bottom line... we *strongly* urge you to attend!

Labs are held in on the 4th floor of the Easterfield Building in EA 404A and 404B. A range of class times are available. You can sign up FROM 11:59pm on the night after the first lecture (i.e. the night of Tuesday March 5th) UNTIL 10 am Thursday March 7th. To sign up, go to the *S-Cubed* web page at https://signups.victoria.ac.nz. Book in your lab time as soon as possible. We will provide further details in the first lecture.

Your lab class allocations will be posted on *Blackboard* by Friday afternoon of the first week of lectures. You need to check which lab class you have been assigned to before 11 am Monday of Week 2, as this is when the lab classes begin (see Class Schedule for details). You will attend the same lab class throughout the course. If there a problem with your scheduled lab time please contact Tash Buist as soon as possible.

Teaching Staff

Lecturers

Course Coordinator

Assoc. Professor Marc Wilson EA608 (ext 5561); Marc.Wilson@vuw.ac.nz

Office hours: TBA.

Laboratory Coordinator

Dr. Tash Buist EA418 (ext 6754); psyc121@vuw.ac.nz

Office hours: Tues 2.30-3.30, Thurs 11.30-12.30

during teaching periods.

Prof. James Liu EA511 (ext 5153); <u>James.Liu@vuw.ac.nz</u>

Office hour: Friday 11-12 pm.

Assoc. Professor Ann Weatherall EA616 (ext 5211); Ann.Weatherall@vuw.ac.nz

Office hours: By appointment.

Assoc. Professor John McDowall EA609 (ext 6423); John.McDowall@vuw.ac.nz

Office hours: Friday 1-2pm.

Assoc. Professor Devon Polaschek EA618 (ext 5768); Devon.Polaschek@vuw.ac.nz

Office hours: By appointment.

Who Do I Contact if I have a Question or Problem?

Dr. Tash Buist is your first point of contact for most enquiries and concerns. These
include queries about lab class selection, and also issues relating to tests and
internal assessment (including submission of medical certificates and the granting
of extensions).

- Questions about lab content and lab reports should first be addressed to your tutor.
- Contact individual lecturers for questions concerning the lecture material they present.
- For IPRP related queries please contact Gregg Franco at IPRP@vuw.ac.nz (for more information on IPRP, please see the IPRP section of this document).
- If you still have questions/concerns, contact Marc Wilson

Workload

All courses have a point-value, representing 10 hours of workload per point. The workload represents the amount of work we expect you to do to pass the course. PSYC121 is a 15-point course, for a total workload for the average student getting an average grade of 150 hours across the course. With 36 hours of lectures and 16 hours of labs, that means the remaining 98 hours happen outside the lectures and labs – in your time. That's about 8 hours a week between the start of the course and the exam which should be spent working on assignments, covering readings and studying for tests / exams.

Course-Related Notices and Blackboard

Any information relating to PSYC121 or any last-minute changes to the course will be posted on *Blackboard*. Copies of lecture slides and the lab notes and slides will be posted on Blackboard prior to each class (in most cases, the preceding week). Go to Blackboard at http://blackboard.vuw.ac.nz/. Log in using your student email username and password, and click on the link to PSYC121.

The PSYC121 Blackboard site is important. It not just a place for us to post stuff (lecture notes, extra readings, etc.), but also somewhere you can go to post questions for staff, or each other. If you have a non-urgent question, post it on Blackboard and see if another student can help. Learning from each other is a great way to further your understanding.

WARNING: Please be polite to each other on Blackboard. The Statute on Student Conduct says, "Students are expected to act in ways that are consistent with the role and guiding values of the University, and to regulate their own conduct so as not to impede or prejudice the work of other members of the community". So, before putting something up for everyone to see, think to yourself whether you'd be proud for granny to see it!

Readings and Other Resources

The textbook for PSYC121 is:

Gleitman, H., Reisberg, D. & Gross, J. (2011). *Psychology* (8th edition). NY, USA: Norton (the 6th and 7th editions are also acceptable).

Also recommended is:

Weatherall, A., Wilson, M., Harper, D., & McDowall, J. (Eds.) (2007). Psychology in Aotearoa/New Zealand, Pearson Education.

Lab notes and other readings relevant to lecture topics will be placed on Blackboard.

For study notes, guizzes and exercises associated with the textbook visit: http://www.wwnorton.com/college/psych/psychology (click on a chapter to view activities).

Materials and Equipment

No special materials or equipment are needed for this course.

Assessment

The assessment in PSYC121 is designed to provide you with feedback and measure your progress and achievement with respect to the main course objectives (see pg. 1). Your final mark for Psyc121 will be made up of the following:

• Two in-lab reading preparation exercises: 6% (3% each)

 Lab Report 1 11% 20% One in class test Lab Report 2 18% Two hour final exam 45%

More information about each assessment will be given on Blackboard and in lab classes.

Deadlines for Assessment Items

Item of Assessment	Deadline
In-lab Reading Preparation Exercises	Held during your assigned lab time in the week starting Monday the 18 th of March and the week starting Monday 29 th of April.
Lab Report 1	A short lab report (1500 words MAX). Due by 10 am on Monday the 8th of April. Submit electronically as a word document to psyc121assignments@vuw.ac.nz
Test 1*	Normal lecture time, Friday the 19 th of April*
Lab Report 2	A full length lab report (2500 words MAX). Due by 10 am on Monday the 27 th of May. Submit electronically as a word document to psyc121assignments@vuw.ac.nz
Exam**	2 hours long held during exam period (June 10- July 3) - date TBA **

^{*} You must go to your allocated stream for the class test. If you cannot attend your allocated lecture stream please contact Tash Buist as soon as possible.

We ask you to complete reports, assignments, tests and whatnot because it is the only way we can know what you know and what you can do. This means that the mark you get

^{**} Please note that students who enrol in courses with examinations should be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the formal examination period

should reflect what you know and can do, not dodgy stuff that happens to you. As a general rule, deadlines are to be strictly followed, not because we are mean, but because that is part of what we are preparing you for when you leave Victoria and because we want to be fair to those students who make the effort to submit on time. Please make sure you don't fail the course because you miss the deadlines by oversight. If you know in advance of some good reason why you cannot submit on time, contact Tash Buist at least two weeks before the due date, and we'll try to assist.

Extensions:

Emergency Lab Report Extensions:

Sometimes, even with the best of intentions, students struggle to hand in their lab reports on time. Because of this, we have put in place a way for you to apply for a 48-hour **emergency extension** for your PSYC121 lab reports. Unlike a normal extension, an emergency extension requires no explanation and no accompanying documentation. There is a catch though, to apply for an emergency extension, you must follow the rules below:

- You may not apply for an emergency extension after the due date for the lab report. In fact, we strongly believe it is in your best interests to hand in your lab reports by the due dates listed in the course outline and NOT apply for an emergency extension; as the name suggests an emergency extension should only be applied for in cases of *genuine need*.
- You may only apply for an emergency extension at the following times:
 - <u>Lab Report 1</u>: You may only apply between 10 am on Friday the 5th of April and 9.59 am on Monday 8th of April.
 - <u>Lab Report 2</u>: You may only apply between 10 am on Friday the 24th of May and 9.59 am on Monday the 27th of May.
- To apply you need to send an email with your name and ID number in the subject line to the following address: psyc121extension@vuw.ac.nz. If you forget to include your details, or if you send your request to the wrong address, you will not be granted an extension.
- When your email is successfully received by the <u>psyc121extension@vuw.ac.nz</u> address, you will receive an automatic receipt. Keep this receipt for your records.
- If, due to illness or a major life crisis you feel that you will require more than 48 hours extra to work on your assignment, please contact Tash and apply for a normal extension. This will require supporting evidence. (For instructions on how to apply for a normal extension, see information about normal extensions in the section below).

Normal Extensions for Lab Reports, alternate times for taking the PSYC121 test and going to another lab because you missed your allocated lab time:

If you experience an emergency that prevents you from submitting your lab report on time, attending your lab or sitting the PSYC121 test, contact Tash *before* the deadline or test day (unless circumstances deem it impossible in which case contact her as soon as possible).

Tash will determine whether you are eligible for an extension for your report or if you are eligible to sit the test or attend another lab this week. She will not rebook you into another lab, give you an extension or let you sit the test at a later date unless you can provide her with evidence to support your request. Remember: Tash is a scientist and she relies on hard evidence to make her decisions. Such evidence includes scanned copies of documentation to support your request (for example a funeral notice, death certificate, medical certificate, or counselling certificate). Do not approach Tash if you don't have some form of supporting documentation, she will have no option but to refuse you. We have to stick closely to the rules in a class this size.

Penalties for late lab reports:

Late lab reports will lose 2 marks of the total marks assigned for that assessment for each day they are late, **including weekends**.

- Assignments that arrive at the <u>psyc121assignments@vuw.ac.nz</u> email address after 10 am on the day they are due are considered late and will be penalized. So, for lab report 1 if your assignment is due at 10 am on Monday the 8th of April, and you hand it in after 10 am on Monday the 8th of April, but before 10 am on Tuesday the 9th of April, you will lose 2 marks off your grade. If it arrives after 10 am on Tuesday the 9th, you will lose 4 marks off your grade, etc.
- You will receive an immediate confirmation email when you submit your work to us successfully. Please note is your responsibility to ensure that you have attached the correct assignment and named it as instructed. Assignments sent to the wrong email address will not be marked.

Penalties for not attending labs:

If you fail to attend your lab, or are late, and do not complete your reading preparation exercise, you will not be eligible for marks associated with the assignment. If you have a good reason for missing your lab class, please contact Tash (in her office hours or by email) and present her with documentation to support your request. She will determine whether you may sit the reading preparation exercise at another time.

What You Need to Do to Pass (Mandatory Course Requirements)

To pass this course you need to:

- a) Achieve a mark of at least 50% in your combined assessment;
- b) Sit the Test AND the final exam, AND submit both lab report assignments; and
- c) Complete 5 hours of research participation in the Introduction to Psychology Research Programme (See section on IPRP for more information).

Class Representative

A class representative will be elected in the first meeting, and that person's name and contact details will be posted on Blackboard. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Laboratory Coordinator or Course Coordinator on behalf of students.

Introduction to Psychology Research Programme (IPRP)

The aim of research participation is to help you learn about psychological research. Full documentation on the IPRP can be obtained from Blackboard. There is a mandatory course requirement of 5 hours research participation. You have two options available to you:

Active participation option. In the active participation option, you take part in studies conducted by Psychology staff and their postgraduate students. You sign up for these studies using the on-line sign-up system (called Sona-Systems; the web address is http://vuw.sona-systems.com). An account will be created for you at Sona-Systems. using your Student ID Number as your login, and a randomly generated password—this password can be changed when you first log in. Your password will be emailed to the email address you have on file with the university. If for some reason you do not receive your login details by the 9th of March, please contact the IPRP administrator (IPRP@vuw.ac.nz) with your Student ID number, your full name, and the email address you would like to be used on Sona-Systems. The amount of time credit that can be earned for each project is indicated on the sign-up web site, and the amount of credit can vary from .5 hours to 2 hours of time credit. We will post an announcement on Blackboard when the system opens, this will be sometime during the first week of the trimester. The final date for participation is the final day of lectures for the trimester (Friday 7th June). Early in the course you will have the opportunity to sign up online to participate in a series of tasks (primarily questionnaires) and earn 1 hour of your total required credit-hours. Participation in this session (called mass testing) is easy and may give you a special opportunity to sign up for other studies later in the trimester. Keep an eye on the blackboard, Gregg will post an announcement when mass testing becomes available.

Reading/Writing option. In the reading/writing option, you read short journal articles on current, interesting topics in psychology and write summaries of those articles. A list of the articles can be obtained from Blackboard by clicking in the IPRP info and resources tab. The summaries should be roughly 1-page long 12 point font, double spaced (if you need 2 pages, then that's fine). **Each paper is worth .5 hour of credits. The final date for written submission is Thursday the 13th June.** Please submit your summaries as word documents to IPRPsummaries@vuw.ac.nz. Include your name, ID number and the words "IPRP written submission" in the subject line. Please send one email per summary. These summaries (like all other assessment for PSYC121) may be run through Turnitin (see General Information section for information about Turnitin).

You can fulfil your IPRP credit requirement (a) entirely through the active participation option or (b) entirely through the writing option or (c) through any combination of the active participation and writing options.

Most active research options available to you will be based conveniently in the Easterfield building during normal University hours, but you may also be able to participate in a small number of studies that can be completed online (either on campus or from your home). We believe that it's important for you to experience a range of different research, so you may not count more than 3 credits of online participation towards the 5 credits you must complete. Mass testing counts towards this three hour limit.

Each research project (or experiment) in the active research option is worth between 0.5 - 2 hours of credit; each paper in the writing option counts as 0.5 hours of credit.

We recommend that you fulfil the requirement earlier in the trimester if you can. Students who wait to fulfil the requirement sometimes have difficulty finding suitable experiments.

Sign-up responsibilities. Show up *early* for your appointments. If you become sick within 24 hours of the appointment, you may cancel it online through the Sona-systems site. If you miss an appointment or show up late—even a couple of minutes late—then you will incur a .5-hour penalty, which you will have to make up. You can incur up to 2 penalties and still be able to sign up for experiments. "No-shows" are excused for legitimate reasons (e.g., medical or family emergency).

Who do I contact if I have questions about IPRP or if I need to cancel a session? Depending on the nature of your question, there are several people that may be able to help you:

- For questions related to an experiment you are signed up for, have already completed, or missed an appointment for, you should contact the study's "Researcher." The Researcher will be a different person for every experiment, and you can find their contact information in Sona-Systems listed under the appropriate experiment number.
- For general issues or questions related to using Sona-Systems (e.g., receiving your Sona-Systems password, or advice on using the Sona-Systems website), the IPRP written component, or issues with IPRP credits please contact the IPRP administrator, Gregg Franco (via the email address IPRP@vuw.ac.nz).
- If you have any other concerns regarding IPRP you may contact Dr. Tash Buist or A/P Marc Wilson

Earn Extra Course Credit for Early Completion! As an added incentive to complete your IPRP requirement, up to 3% will be added to your final PSYC121 mark (e.g. if your final mark is 47%, then you would receive a final overall mark of 50% IF you have qualified to receive the extra 3%):

- If you complete 3.0 IPRP credits by Friday April the 19th you get 2%
- If you complete ALL 5 credits by Friday May the 17th you get an extra 1%
- If you achieve both of these deadlines, you get the full 3%
- REMEMBER final date for active participation option is Friday the 7th of June
- AND final date for submission of written submissions is Thursday the 13th of June

General Information

Withdrawal Dates

For information on final dates for withdrawal from this paper, go to: http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawlsrefunds.aspx

Academic integrity and plagiarism

Academic integrity means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the University's learning, teaching and research activities are based. Victoria University's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The University defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether you mean to or not. 'Someone else's work' means anything that is not your own idea. Even if it is presented in your own style, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately. This includes:

- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material
- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

Find out more about plagiarism, how to avoid it and penalties, on the University's website: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/studying/plagiarism.html

Use of Turnitin

Student work provided for assessment in this course may be checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine http://www.turnitin.com. Turnitin is an online plagiarism prevention tool which identifies material that may have been copied from other sources including the Internet, books, journals, periodicals or the work of other students. Turnitin is used to assist academic staff in detecting miss-referencing, misquotation, and the inclusion of unattributed material, which may be forms of cheating or plagiarism. At the discretion of the Head of School, handwritten work may be copy typed by the School and subject to checking by Turnitin. You are strongly advised to check with your tutor or the course coordinator if you are uncertain about how to use and cite material from other sources. Turnitin will retain a copy of submitted material on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions will not be made available to any other party.

Where to Find More Detailed Information

Find key dates, explanations of grades and other useful information at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study. Find out about academic progress and restricted enrolment at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress. The University's statutes and policies are available at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy, except qualification statutes, which are available via the Calendar webpage at

<u>www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar</u> (See Section C). Further information about the University's academic processes can be found on the website of the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about victoria/avcacademic/default.aspx

Summary of important email addresses for PSYC121:

Below is a list of important email addresses that you may need during PSYC121:

What do you want to do?	Email address
Contact your tutor for questions about labs or lab assessment	Check on Blackboard: a list of addresses will be posted under the lab notes tab.
Contact Tash for general questions about 121, assessment, lab program and extensions	PSYC121@vuw.ac.nz
Hand in your 121 lab report	PSYC121assignments@vuw.ac.nz
Apply for an emergency 48-hour extension for your lab report?	PSYC121extension@vuw.ac.nz

Contact Gregg Franco with an IPRP related query?	IPRP@vuw.ac.nz	
Submit an IPRP written summary to gain you credits for the IPRP written option:	IPRPsubmissions@vuw.ac.nz Or	
	IPRPsummaries@vuw.ac.nz	

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Self discipline: Self discipline and wise planning are essential for success in this course. How much you will get from the course is largely dependent on how much you put into it. The job of the lecturers and other staff is to provide a framework for learning, but no matter how well or badly they achieve this you, as the learner hold the key to successful learning. Make sure you read the materials and be prepared before you come to each lecture and laboratory class, ask questions if you don't understand something, and review and consolidate what you have learned regularly. In this course, you are your own boss and your own performance will be the determining factor in your success.

Be well-informed: All the course materials provide you with essential and crucial information for your benefit and convenience. They include textbooks, hand-outs, recommended readings, and departmental notices. Read them carefully, ask us to clarify anything you are unsure of, and try your best to remember the information. Make sure you understand the mandatory requirements of the course (what you HAVE to do to pass), the assessment procedure, and the dates and times for the two tests and assignment deadlines.

Above all you must be familiar with the contents of this document: they set out the general course policy which should be followed strictly.

Have fun: Seriously, research shows that it is easier to study, easier to focus, easier to engage with material if you set out to enjoy the experience. Believe us, we go to a lot of trouble to make this easy!

We wish you all the best for success in this exciting course, and we look forward to getting to know you.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Lecture Topic	Lecturer	Lab Topic this week
1	Tues Mar 5	Intro	MW	No labs this week
	Thurs Mar 7	History and Methods	MW	
	Fri Mar 8	TBA	TBA	
2	Tues Mar 12	History and Mathada	MW	Lab 1: Introduction to
	Tues Mai 12	History and Methods	IVIVV	
	Thurs Mar 14	History and Methods	MW	Lab Program, introduction to lab report 1
	Fri Mar 15	Social Psyc	MW	
3	Tues Mar 19	Social Psyc	MW	Lab 2: Reading Preparation
	Thurs Mar 21	Social Psyc	MW	Exercise 1, Writing an
	Fri Mar 22	Social Psyc	MW	Intro and Method, Jonestown
4	Tues Mar 26	Social Psyc	MW	Lab 3: Data analysis workshop, How to write a results, discussion & reference section. NOTE: THOSE ENROLLED IN

	Thurs Mar 28	No Lecture – Easter Break		THURS OR FRI LABS WILL NEED TO	
	Fri Mar 29	No Lecture – Easter Break		ATTEND OTHER LABS THIS WEEK	
5	Tues April 2	No Lecture – Easter Break		No labs this week, but watch BB	
	Thurs April 4	Bicultural Psyc	KL	announcements for help session	
	Fri April 5	6	KL	times for lab report 1 assignment	
6	Tues April 9	Bicultural & Cross-cultural Psyc	JL	Remember Lab report 1 is due at 10 am	
	Thurs April 11	íí	JL	Monday the 8 th of April!	
	Fri April 12	Developmental Psyc	JL	Lab 4: The angry eye, Intro Lab report 2.	
7	Tues April 16	ш	JL	No labs this week	
	Thurs April 18	u .	JL		
	Fri April 19	TEST			
		MID TRIMESTER BREAK			
8	Tues April 30	Language and Social Psyc	AW	Lab 5: Reading Preparation	
	Thurs May 2	Sex/Gender: Nature/Nurture	AW	Exercise 2, feedback from lab	
	Fri May 3	The study of sex differences	AW	report 1	
9	Tues May 7	Abnormal Psychology	JMcD	Lab 6: Data analysis workshop for	
	Thurs May 9	ű	JMcD	Lab report 2, Abnormal Psychology	
	Fri May 10	и	JMcD		
10	Tues May 14	и	JMcD	Lab 7: Lab report 2 continued and	
	Thurs May 16	u	JMcD	survey design	
	Fri May 17		JMcD		
11	Tues May 21	u	JMcD	No labs this week, but watch BB	
	Thurs May 23	и	JMcD	announcements for help session times	
	Fri May 24	и		for lab report 2	
12	Tues May 28	Forensic Psychology	DP	Remember lab report 2 is due at 10 am	
	Thurs May 30	u	DP	Monday the 27 th of May!	
	Fri May 31	s:	DP	Lab 8: Psychopathy and exam prep	
13	Tues Jun 4	TBA	TBA	No labs this week	
	Thurs Jun 6	Popular Vote	MW		
	Fri Jun 7	Finale	MW		
	FINAL EXAM - TBA				

Please Note -

The above schedule may need to change because of circumstances beyond our control - please check the PSYC121 announcements and course information sections in BlackBoard frequently for updates.