1.0 CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Selected topics of current interest in psychology.

Prerequisite: Psychology 2820E or both Psychology 2800E and 2810
3 seminar hours, 0.5 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.

2.0 COURSE INFORMATION

Instructor: Dr. Patrick Brown
Office and Phone Number: SSC 7328 / 661-2110 ext. 84680
Office Hours: Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Email: brown5@uwo.ca

Time and Location of Lectures: Thursday 2:30 – 5:30 / SSC 8440

If you or someone you know is experiencing distress, there are several resources here at Western to assist you. Please visit: http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/ for more information on these resources and on mental health.

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 519-661-2111 ext 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

3.0 TEXTBOOK

There is no textbook for this course. We’ll read papers from relevant literatures.

4.0 COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will consider a range of questions relating to art that are of interest to psychologists, organized into three broad sections: philosophical issues; art and brain; and applied topics.
Readings will be drawn from a variety of sources – recent empirical studies; case studies; reviews; and books by eminent thinkers.

5.0 EVALUATION

Although the Psychology Department does not require instructors to adjust their course grades to conform to specific targets, the expectation is that course marks will be distributed around the following averages:

70% 1000-level and 2000-level courses
72% 2100-2990 level courses
75% 3000-level courses
80% 4000-level courses

The Psychology Department follows the University of Western Ontario grading guidelines, which are as follows (see http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/general/grades_undergrad.pdf):

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<td>A+</td>
<td>90-100</td>
<td>One could scarcely expect better from a student at this level</td>
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<td>80-89</td>
<td>Superior work that is clearly above average</td>
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<td>B</td>
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<td>Good work, meeting all requirements, and eminently satisfactory</td>
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<td>C</td>
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Final grades in this course will be based on three components:

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Term papers will be due on the last day of classes, Tuesday April 8. Topics will be taken from the list of seminar presentation topics, with the condition that students may not write their term paper on the same topic they present in class. Term papers must be a minimum of 2500 words in length.

Oral presentations will occur during the later part of the course and will be presented by students working in teams of two. The number of weeks devoted to these presentations will depend upon the number of students in the course. Students will also be required to review one presentation made in class by another team, using a rubric supplied by the instructor.

The final exam will be a take-home exam. A selection of questions will be provided. Each student will select one question from that set and write an essay-style answer.

6.0 TEST AND EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

The final exam will be a take-home exam. Exam papers will be accepted up to Friday, April 18 at 4:30 pm. Papers should be dropped off in the main Department of Psychology office (SSC 7418) in an envelope.
addressed to the instructor.

7.0 LECTURE SCHEDULE

Week 1 – What is art?


Week 2 – Art and Intention


Week 3 – Art and morality


Week 4 – Computational approaches to art


Week 5 - What is the role of the body in perception and appreciation of art?


**Week 6 – Art and Brain Damage**


Subsequent weeks will feature student presentations on topics selected from a set presented in a separate document.

**8.0 STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC OFFENCES**

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following web site:  

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com ([http://www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com)).

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

**9.0 OTHER INFORMATION**

Office of the Registrar web site: [http://registrar.uwo.ca](http://registrar.uwo.ca)

Student Development Services web site: [http://www.sdc.uwo.ca](http://www.sdc.uwo.ca)

Please see the Psychology Undergraduate web site for information on the following:  
[http://psychology.uwo.ca/newundergradstudentresp.htm](http://psychology.uwo.ca/newundergradstudentresp.htm)
- Policy on Cheating and Academic Misconduct
- Procedures for Appealing Academic Evaluations
- Policy on Attendance
- Policy Regarding Makeup Exams and Extensions of Deadlines
- Policy for Assignments
- Short Absences
- Extended Absences
- Documentation
- Academic Concerns
- 2013 Calendar References

No electronic devices, including cell phones, will be allowed during exams.