Intended course sequence (While the content, and order of presentation is fixed, exact coverage on a class by class basis may be adjusted based upon progress and student feedback- check regularly with course instructor.)

May 7    Introduction to course
         Broad overview- Descriptive Statistics- mode, median
May 9    Broad overview continued- mean, range, variance, standard deviation, rules of thumb, percentiles
May 14   (Section heading numbers refer to text)
         1.2 Populations and samples
         1.4 Variable and measurement, Discrete and continuous variables
         1.5 Statistical notation
         2.1 – 2.4 Frequency distributions- tables, graphs, shape
         2.5 Percentiles, percentile ranks
         3.1 – 3.6 Central tendency
         4.1 – 4.2 Range
         4.3 – 4.5 Standard deviation, variance
May 16   5.1- 5.5 z-Scores
May 23   6.1- 6.3 Probability
May 28   7.1 – 7.4 The distribution of sample means.
May 29   Test 1 (2¾ hours) worth 50% of final course grade - covering Chapters 1 - 7.
         75% multiple choice (75 items)
         25% problems where student must show work. (likely 5 items worth about 5 marks each) (No choices).
May 30   8.1 – 8.6 Hypothesis testing.
June 4   9.1 – 9.4 t-statistic
         10.1 – 10.4 Hypothesis tests with two independent samples
June 6   11.1 – 11.4 Hypothesis tests with related samples
         Estimation
June 11  15.1 – 15.4 Correlation
         17.1 – 17.5 Chi-Square Statistic
June 13  Review
June 20 to 22 Exam 2 (3 hours) Worth 50% of final course grade- covering all material covered since Test 1. Same format as Test 1. Check for new class room - Exact date during the final examination period to be determined by Registrar’s Office. (Between Wednesday, June 20 to Friday, June 22 inclusive)
Missing an test/exam

Students are expected to write each test on the dates specified. There will be no make-up tests, except under extraordinary documented circumstances. If you miss a test for no documented reasons, you will receive a grade of zero.

If you have a legitimate reason (e.g., death in the family, severe illness, etc.) for being excused from a test/exam, and have documentation to verify your absence (please see below), you may take a make-up test/exam in lieu of the missed test/exam. Please note that we are extremely strict about the conditions that will allow you to write a make-up examination – nonetheless, you should contact me regardless of your reason if you have or will miss an examination. You must contact me, cc’d to your course TA, at least one day in advance of the exam/test and provide documentation in order to be permitted to take a make-up exam/test. In the case of an emergency, contact me, cc’d to your course TA, as soon as possible. In this email, please (a) outline the reason for your absence, and (b) confirm that you have medical or other relevant documentation to support this reason. Again, be sure to note your course section and your full name and student number in the subject header of your email.

Please note that there will be one set date for the make-up test/exam. If both exams are missed, students will have to retake the course unless they successfully petition. Please also note that if you miss a test, regardless of your reason, you have waived the right to have a specific percentage of graded feedback available to you prior to the drop date.

Note also that deferred final exams are held on a single common date determined by the Department of Psychology. No individualized testing is available unless arranged formally through one of the offices at the University (e.g., Counselling and Disability Services (CDS)).

Documentation when missing an exam/test
If you produce a valid medical document, signed by a physician, stating that you were medically unable to take the exam/test for a specific time period, you will be able to take a makeup exam/test. If you miss an exam/test for non-medical reasons, you still must produce supporting documentation (e.g., death certificate, obituary notice, automobile accident report, airline ticket for emergency travel, etc.). Missing an exam/test for a vacation, etc., is not an acceptable reason. If you are ill or facing extreme personal circumstances and are unable to get the required documentation, I highly recommend that you consider dropping the course.

Once you have contacted the course instructor and your TA, you will need to have completed the attending physician’s statement found at http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/exams/deferred/. This should be brought to your TA’s mailbox or faxed to the psychology department (with Attention Ed Haltrecht) at 416-736-5814. You will need to receive confirmation of the make-up examination date from your TA; you should be back in touch within a few days with your TA if you have not heard back. It is your responsibility to find out the information about when the make up test/exam is and ensure that you are set to write the make-up test/exam.