

Psychology 3450 3.0 A (Fall)

ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

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Purpose:

This course is intended for the student who wants a survey of the growing field of environmental psychology. Topics such as methodology, crowding, privacy, urbanism, personal space, territoriality, energy conservation, recycling, traffic psychology and environmental influences on social behaviours will be covered.

Required Text

Bell, P. A., Greene, T. C., Fisher, J. D., & Baum, A. (2001). *Environmental Psychology* (5th edition). Toronto: Harcourt Brace College Publishers.

Note: The text has been reprinted (very crudely!) and the version that the bookstore will carry is published by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Mahwah, New Jersey. The text is available only from the York Bookstore. If possible, I would recommend that you purchase a used copy of the text, as a new edition is scheduled for release sometime in the next year or two..

PowerPoint Material:

Lectures are presented by means of PowerPoint presentations. The slides contain lecture outlines, diagrams, graphs, and some visual materials. The outlines are posted on my website. Please note that a substantial quantity of visual material is NOT posted on this website and will only be presented during the lectures.

Grading:

Grading will be based on a series of three examinations (Exam 1 = 40%, Exam 2 = 40%, Exam 3 = 20%) consisting of multiple choice questions. All examinations will cover both the assigned readings and lecture material. Examinations may be "curved," if necessary, by examining the graphic distribution of scores and apportioning letter grades to the various segments of the distribution.

There will be no "make-up" test unless the request is accompanied by an "Attending Physician's Statement" (available from the Registrar's Office or downloadable from www.yorku.ca/grads/forms/NEW/attending_physician_statement.pdf). If you are ill, the teaching assistant must be contacted within 48 hours of the test. Therefore, if you do become ill at any point in the term, it is wise to obtain a statement to that effect from your physician. The make-up test may consist of essay questions and will only be administered following the third exam.