

**Faculty of Health  
Department of Psychology  
PSYC 3480 3.0 A: PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN  
Thursday/8:30-11:30/VH-C  
Fall/2017**

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**Course Prerequisite(s): Course prerequisites are strictly enforced**

- HH/PSYC 1010 6.00 (Introduction to Psychology), with a minimum grade of C.

**Course Credit Exclusions**

Please refer to [York Courses Website](#) for a listing of any course credit exclusions.

**Course website:** [Moodle](#)

**Course Description**

This course explores factors associated with the psychology of women, including gender-role stereotypes, socialization practices, male-female differences, women and health, work and violence. At all times, the interpretation offered is made with reference to the broader social context. The course involves formal lectures including PowerPoint presentations by the instructor and possibly invited guests. The lectures will be supplemented by handouts and videos. The required readings from the text and handouts are central to the course. The lectures and videos will serve to enrich, clarify, and illustrate crucial issues from the assigned readings. There will be a number of break-out student discussions based on required handout readings. Course credit exclusions: AK/PSYC 3700E 3.00 (prior to Summer 2001), AK/SOCI 3880A 3.00 (prior to Summer 2005), AK/SOCI 3390V 3.00 (prior to Fall/Winter 2001-2002).

**Program Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate in-depth knowledge on psychology of women.
2. Articulate trends in the psychology of women.
3. Express knowledge of the psychology of women in written form.

4. Describe and explain limits to generalizability of research findings on the psychology of women.
5. Demonstrate ability to relate information on the psychology of women to own and others' life experiences.

### Specific Learning Objectives

1. To appreciate and critically evaluate women's roles in society.
2. To have a theoretical understanding of how gender identification develops.
3. To examine society's perceptions and attitudes towards women and men and the consequences of these perceptions and attitudes.
4. To acknowledge the advances that women have made over the years.
5. To understand the challenges facing women and girls in various societies  
 course learning objectives that build on/extend the learning outcomes

### Required Text

- Matlin, M. W. (2012), *The Psychology of Women: Seventh Edition*. Toronto: Wadsworth.

### Course Requirements and Assessment

| Assessment   | Date of Evaluation (if known) | Weighting   |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Midterm exam | Oct. 12, 2017                 | **          |
| Final exam   | Exam period                   | **          |
| <b>Total</b> |                               | <b>100%</b> |

\*\*The exam with the highest mark will be allotted 55% of the final mark. The exam with the lower mark will allotted 45% of the final mark

### Description of Assignments

Your final grade in this course is based on a midterm exam and a final exam. The higher mark will receive 55% of the final grade. The lower mark will receive 45% of the final grade. Each exam will include both multiple choice and written answer questions.

The midterm exam will include chapters 1-6 & 8, Multiple choice and written answers.

The final exam will include Chapters 7 & 9-15, Multiple choice and written answers

Please note that you are responsible for all the material in the text, lectures, handout(s) and videos for the chapters above for your exams. The exams will include multiple choice and written format questions. !

### Grading as per Senate Policy

The grading scheme for the course conforms to the 9-point grading system used in undergraduate programs at York (e.g., A+ = 9, A = 8, B+ = 7, C+ = 5, etc.). Assignments and tests\* will bear either a letter grade designation or a corresponding number grade (e.g. A+ = 90 to 100, A = 80 to 89, B+ = 75 to 79, etc.)

(For a full description of York grading system see the York University Undergraduate Calendar - [Grading Scheme for 2017-18](#))

### **Late Work/Missed Tests or Exams**

Students with a documented reason for missing a course test, such as illness, compassionate grounds, etc., which is confirmed by supporting documentation (Attending Physician Statement which can be found at: <http://myacademicrecord.students.yorku.ca/pdf/attending-physicians-statement.pdf> may request accommodation from the Course Instructor. Further extensions or accommodation will require students to submit a formal petition to the Faculty.

Students missing the midterm must notify the course director within 48 hours and submit the following on-line form to be eligible to write a makeup test.

### **Important New Information Regarding Missed Tests**

For any missed tests or late assignments, students **MUST** complete the following online form which will be received and reviewed in the Psychology undergraduate office.

[HH PSYC: Missed Tests/Exams Form](#). Failure to complete the form within 48 hours of the original deadline will result in a grade of zero for the test/assignment.

### **Add/Drop Deadlines**

For a list of all important dates please refer to: [Fall/Winter 2017-18 - Important Dates](#)

|   | <b>FALL<br/>(F)</b> | <b>YEAR<br/>(Y)</b> | <b>WINTER<br/>(W)</b> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Last date to add a course <b>without permission</b> of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)            | Sept. 20            | Sept. 20            | Jan. 17               |
| Last date to add a course <b>with permission</b> of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)               | Oct. 4              | Oct. 18             | Jan. 31               |
| Drop deadline: Last date to drop a course without receiving a grade (also see Financial Deadlines)          | Nov. 10             | Feb. 9              | March 9               |
| Course Withdrawal Period (withdraw from a course and receive a grade of "W" on transcript – see note below) | Nov. 11 -<br>Dec. 4 | Feb. 10 -<br>Apr. 6 | March 10 -<br>Apr. 6  |

**\*Note:** *You may withdraw from a course using the registration and enrolment system after the drop deadline until the last day of class for the term associated with the course. When you withdraw from a course, the course remains on your transcript without a grade and is notated as "W". The withdrawal will not affect your grade point average or count towards the credits required for your degree.*

### **Information on Plagiarism Detection**

Turnitin

### **Electronic Device Policy**

Electronic devices can be used to take notes

## **Academic Integrity for Students**

York University takes academic integrity very seriously; please familiarize yourself with [Information about the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty](#).

It is recommended that you review Academic Integrity by completing the [Academic Integrity Tutorial](#) and [Academic Honesty Quiz](#).

## **Test Banks**

The offering for sale of, buying of, and attempting to sell or buy test banks (banks of test questions and/or answers), or any course specific test questions/answers is not permitted in the Faculty of Health. Any student found to be doing this may be considered to have breached the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty. In particular, buying and attempting to sell banks of test questions and/or answers may be considered as “Cheating in an attempt to gain an improper advantage in an academic evaluation” (article 2.1.1 from the Senate Policy) and/or “encouraging, enabling or causing others” (article 2.1.10 from the Senate Policy) to cheat.

## **Electronic Devices During a Test/Examination**

Electronic mobile devices of any kind are not allowed during a test or examination. Students are required to turn off and secure any electronic mobile device in their bag which is to be placed under the chair while a test/exam is in progress. Any student observed with an electronic device during a test/exam may be reported to the Undergraduate Office for a potential breach of Academic Honesty.

## **Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities**

While all individuals are expected to satisfy the requirements of their program of study and to aspire to do so at a level of excellence, the university recognizes that persons with disabilities may require reasonable accommodation to enable them to do so. The [York University Accessibility Hub](#) is your online stop for accessibility on campus. The [Accessibility Hub](#) provides tools, assistance and resources. Policy Statement.

**Policy:** York University shall make reasonable and appropriate accommodations and adaptations in order to promote the ability of students with disabilities to fulfill the academic requirements of their programs.

The nature and extent of accommodations shall be consistent with and supportive of the integrity of the curriculum and of the academic standards of programs or courses. Provided that students have given sufficient notice about their accommodation needs, instructors shall take reasonable steps to accommodate these needs in a manner consistent with the guidelines established hereunder.

For Further Information please refer to: [York university academic accommodation for students with disabilities policy](#).

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## Course Schedule

| Date     | Chapter(s)                | Topics   |
|----------|---------------------------|--|
| Sept. 7  | 1. Introduction           | Introduction and introductions. What is a Psychology of Women? .<br>Video: Gender  |
| Sept. 14 | 2. Gender Stereotypes     | Research Issues: Gender stereotypes and theoretical perspectives of gender identification.<br>Video: Killing us softly III |
| Sept. 21 | 3. Infancy and Childhood  | Continue Theoretical and social factors that influence our beliefs about ourselves and others.                             |
| Sept. 28 | 4. Adolescence            | Developmental factors continued. A handout, Raising Ophelia, with questions which will be given out in class on Sept. 21.  |
|          | 5. Cognitive Abilities    | Gender comparisons and/Achievement motivation.   |
| Oct. 5   | 6. Social and Personality | Gender comparisons. Are women always more  |

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|         |                             | nurturing and empathic and<br>more aggressive and<br>assertive?  |
|         | 8. Love relationships       | Lifestyles: single, long-term,<br>divorce, widowhood   |
| Oct. 12 | MIDTERM EXAM                | CHAPTERS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8.<br>HANDOUTS, LECTURES,<br>VIDEOS, POWERPOINT   |
| Oct. 19 | 9. Human sexuality          |  |
|         | 10. Pregnancy, Birth        | Stereotypes and realities of<br>motherhood and<br>Parenthood: Changes over<br>the years  |
| Oct. 26 | FALL READING DAY – NO CLASS |  |
| Nov. 2  | 7. Women and Work           | How do stereotypes relate<br>to the workplace?<br><br>(A handout about women<br>working in a mine will<br>be given out in class on Oct.<br>19 with questions.) |
| Nov. 9  | 11. Physical Health         |  |
|         | 12. Psychological Health    |  |
| Nov. 16 | Continue Health             |  |
| Nov. 23 | 13. Violence against women  | Violence and<br>interpartner violence<br><br>Video: A love that kills  |
| Nov. 30 | 14. Older Adulthood         | Attitudes and reality about<br>older women<br><br>Video: A House Divided   |
|         | 15.                         | Class wrapup   |