
Psychology 659 Ethics and Professional Issues in Clinical Psychology Winter 2023

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Course Description and Objectives

This course provides an overview of ethics and professional issues for graduate students in clinical psychology. Students will read major ethics documents related to the practice of psychology in Canada and Alberta. Additionally, the application of ethics documents and other practice guidelines to actual cases will be discussed. The regulation of clinical psychology as an independent profession will be covered. We will discuss such issues as training models, continuing education, and professional liability. The course will focus on applied issues, including confidentiality, right to privacy, informed consent, therapeutic relationship issues, involuntary commitment and social responsibility..

Acknowledgments and Respect for Diversity

Our classrooms view diversity of identity as a strength and resource. Your experiences and different perspectives are encouraged and add to a rich learning environment that fosters critical thought through respectful discussion and inclusion. The Department of Psychology would like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in southern Alberta. The City of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III.

Course Format

This is an in-person class held on campus.

Prerequisites

Admission to the Graduate Program in Clinical Psychology

Required Texts and Readings

There is no required text for this course. Readings will be identified by and made available from the instructor for each topic below, and should be read before each class.

Assessment Methods

Attendance: In a course such as this, consistent class attendance and participation are critical to the learning process. As such, performance in the course will include an evaluation of attendance and participation in each day of the course (0= no attendance; 4 = attendance; 6 = attendance and some participation, 8 = attendance and excellent participation). Students are expected to participate in classes to obtain maximal credit for attendance.

Examination: The second component of the course will be an open book examination on the ethics of Clinical Psychology. An open book exam means that the use of class notes and online resources is permitted. Students may not communicate with others about course material or the exam either in person or electronically during exams. This examination will consist of a series of ethical dilemmas, for which the student must identify ethical concerns (if any), and state a course of planned action. This examination will take place on January 7, 2023.

Term Paper: The balance of the course grade will be based upon a term paper of no more than 30 typewritten double-spaced pages (completed consistent with the APA Publication Manual). The topic of the term paper will address a topic from this course, agreed to between you and the instructor. The term paper is due on April 3, 2023. Assignments should be emailed to the course instructor. Late assignments will not be accepted without instructor approval.

Summary of course evaluation procedures:	Maximum score:
Class attendance and participation:	40
Ethics Examination:	20
Term paper:	<u>40</u>
TOTAL Possible Course Grade:	100

University of Calgary Academic Integrity Policy

Academic integrity is the foundation of the development and acquisition of knowledge and is based on values of honesty, trust, responsibility, and respect. We expect members of our community to act with integrity.

Research integrity, ethics, and principles of conduct are key to academic integrity. Members of our campus community are required to abide by our institutional code of conduct and promote academic integrity in upholding the University of Calgary's reputation of excellence. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have read and are familiar with the student academic misconduct policy:

www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html

Faculty of Graduate Studies Grading System

A+ = Outstanding performance, A = Excellent performance, A- = Very good performance

B+ = Good performance, B = Satisfactory performance, B- = Minimum pass

C+: All grades of "C+" or lower are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements. Individual programs may require a higher passing grade.

Grading Scale

A+	96-100%	B+	80-84%	C+	67-71%	D+	54-58%
A	90-95%	B	76-79%	C	63-66%	D	50-53%
A-	85-89%	B-	72-75%	C-	59-62%	F	0-49%

In this course there will be no rounding up of final grades.

Tentative Lecture Schedule

Ideally in table format with date of class, topics to be covered, and chapters/readings to be read. Due dates for tests/exams and assignments should be included in this schedule as well.

Date	Topic/Activity/Readings/Due Date (revise and add columns & rows as necessary)
T Jan 3	Introduction to Ethics in Clinical Psychology The organization of professional psychology in Canada. Training models in professional psychology. The College of Alberta Psychologists and the Health Professions Act. The Canadian Psychological Association's Code of Ethics Patient Rights and Responsibilities, Confidentiality, Right to Privacy, Informed Consent, Involuntary commitment, competence, Right to refuse treatment.
W Jan 4	Boundary Issues and Violations Diversity and Cultural Competence Professional Competence and Supervision The Business of Delivering Psychological Services/ Third Party Payers
T Jan 5	Ethics and the Law
F Jan 6	Ethics of Research and Publication Ethics of Social Activism Special Issues around Practice in the Adult Public Sector Special Issues around the Practice of Psychology in the Child Public Sector
S Jan 7	Ethics Examination Business Issues – Exploring models of career success Debrief and review of key learnings
Jan 19	Last day to drop a class without a penalty
F Jan 20	Last day to add or swap a course
F Jan 27	Fee payment deadline for Fall Term full and half courses.
M Feb 20	UNIVERSITY CLOSED Alberta Family Day
Feb 19-25	Term Break
M Apr 3	Paper Due
F Apr 7	UNIVERSITY CLOSED Good Friday
M Apr 10	UNIVERSITY CLOSED Easter Monday
W Apr 12	Fall Term Lectures End. Last day to withdraw with permission from Winter Term half courses.
Apr 15-26	Fall Final Exam Period

Absence from a Test/Exam

Makeup tests/exams are **NOT** an option without the approval of the instructor (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-1-1.html>). At the instructor's discretion, a makeup test/exam may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from a regularly scheduled test/exam. **Once approved by the instructor a makeup test/exam must be written within 2 weeks of the missed test/exam on a day/time scheduled by the instructor. If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the Registrar's Office, they need to apply for a deferred exam** <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams>

Travel During Exams

Consistent with University regulations, students are expected to be available to write scheduled exams at any time during the official December and April examination periods. Requests to write a make-up exam because of conflicting travel plans (e.g., flight bookings) will NOT be considered by the department. Students are advised to wait until the final examination schedule is posted before making any travel arrangements. **If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the Registrar's Office, they need to apply for a deferred exam** <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams> **Students with an exceptional extenuating circumstance (e.g., a family emergency) should contact the Department of Psychology** psyugrd@ucalgary.ca

Reappraisal of Graded Term Work <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html>

Reappraisal of Final Grade <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-3.html>

Academic Accommodations

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor. [University of Calgary : B.6.1 Accommodation of Students with Disabilities or Medical Conditions \(ucalgary.ca\)](#)

Academic Misconduct

For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>.

Instructor Intellectual Property

Course materials created by professor(s) (including course outlines, presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the professor(s). These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the professor.

The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the course at the same time may be allowed under fair dealing.

Copyright Legislation

All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/acceptable-use-material-protected-copyright-policy> and requirements of the copyright act (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorized sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.

Student Support and Resources

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines>

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course with no "W" notation and **still receive a tuition fee refund is Thursday, January 19, 2023**. Last day add/swap a course is **Friday, January 20, 2023**. The last day to withdraw from this course is **Wednesday, April 12, 2023** [University of Calgary : Academic Schedule \(ucalgary.ca\)](https://www.ucalgary.ca/academic-schedule)