

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Adolescent Risk Behaviours**

Course Number and Section

PSYCHOL

3350G 550

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Course Description:

An in-depth analysis and critique of theory and research on risk behaviour in adolescence, including precursors, correlates and outcomes. Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of: (1) adolescence and emerging adulthood as developmental periods, (2) the biological, cognitive and social factors that underlie youth risk behaviour, and (3) current prevention and intervention efforts.

Prerequisite(s): Psychology 2830A/B (or Psych 2800E, 2820E, 2840F/G, 2855F/G or 2855F/G) and registration in the third or fourth year of Honors Specialization, Major in Psychology, or permission of the Department.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

By the end of the course students should: • possess a well-rounded knowledge of theory and research on adolescent/emerging adult risk behaviors;

• be able to think critically about and thoughtfully discuss these topics;

• have further honed their skills of critiquing research studies and writing scientific research papers.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

N/A

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Class Participation		15
Class Presentation and Discussion Moderator		25
Critical Analysis Paper & In-Class Paper Reflection		30

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Group Experiential Learning Project with School Board		30

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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In-course Costs

\$000.00

For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook's publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].