Health Sciences 4090a

Measuring Health — Special Topic in Health Sciences
School of Health Studies, Western University

Fall 2013

1. Course Information

This course provides a critical overview of rating scales and questionnaires used to measure health. It includes measures of physical disability, psychological well being, anxiety, depression, mental status, pain, and quality of life. In the course, there are two tests scheduled during class time and a final exam scheduled during the examination period. The tests and exam are short-essay format.

Classes – 2 hours
Thursdays, 2:30 to 4:30, HSB 35

Prerequisite Checking
You should consult the Western Academic Calendar (www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca) for the requisites of this course. Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enrol in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

2. Instructor Information

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Office Hour: TBA

3. Course Materials (Required)

4. Evaluation
Your grade in this course is based on two tests and a final exam. Each is worth one third of your final grade.

The first test covers chapters 2 to 4, and it is held in class on October 10, 2013. The second test covers chapters 2 to 8, and it is held in class on November 21, 2013. The final exam covers chapters 2 to 10, and it will be scheduled during the official examination period.
If you are unable to submit an assignment on time as a result of medical illness or non-medical reasons, you must consult an academic counsellor to obtain academic accommodation. Once academic accommodation is obtained, the percentage associated with the missed assignment will be evenly distributed between the other assignment and the final exam. For example, if you were unable to submit the first assignment because of illness, the second assignment would be worth 50 percent and the final exam would be worth 50 percent.

If you miss the final exam due to medical illness or non-medical reasons, you must consult an academic counsellor to obtain academic accommodation to write a make-up exam.

5. Student Code of Conduct
The purpose of the Code of Student Conduct is to define the general standard of conduct expected of students registered at The University of Western Ontario, provide examples of behaviour that constitutes a breach of this standard of conduct, provide examples of sanctions that may be imposed, and set out the disciplinary procedures that the University will follow. For more information, visit http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/board/code.pdf.

6. English Proficiency for the Assignment of Grades
The University policy on English proficiency is available at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/exam/english.pdf.

7. Accommodation for Medical Illness or Non-Medical Absences
The University recognizes that a student’s ability to meet his/her academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Illness may be acute (short term), or it may be chronic (long term), or chronic with acute episodes. The University further recognizes that medical situations are deeply personal and respects the need for privacy and confidentiality in these matters. However, in order to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for work representing 10% or more of the student’s overall grade in the course shall be granted only in those cases where there is documentation indicating that the student was seriously affected by illness and could not reasonably be expected to meet his/her academic responsibilities.

A UWO Student Medical Certificate (SMC) is required where a student is seeking academic accommodation. This documentation should be obtained at the time of the initial consultation with the physician or walk-in clinic. An SMC can be downloaded under the Medical Documentation heading of the following website: https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm.

Documentation is required for non-medical absences where the course work missed is more than 10% of the overall grade. Students may contact their Faculty Academic Counselling Office for what documentation is needed.

Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, examinations, etc. Students must follow up with their professors and their Academic Counselling office in a timely manner.
Documentation for any request for accommodation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the appropriate Academic Counselling Office of the student’s Faculty of registration — BHSc students should contact the School of Health Studies main office (222 HSB).

8. Scholastic Offences
Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf.

9. Support Services
Support services are offered on campus through the Student Development Centre, Student Health Services, the Office of the Registrar, and the Office of the Ombudsperson.

10. Course Schedule

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