COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course focuses on health and wellness with an emphasis on increasing knowledge and awareness of a wide variety of health-related topics, as well as on improving individual health.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Name and describe key concepts related to those aspects of personal determinants of health covered in the course.
- Discuss and paraphrase key concepts through participation in class discussions.
- Demonstrate knowledge gained and level of comprehension achieved through memorization and recall of key concepts covered in the course.

Antirequisite: The former Health Sciences 1000.

Extra Information: 3 lecture hours.

Course Weight: 0.50

COURSE INFORMATION

Instructor: Dr. Marnie Wedlake, PhD, RP
Email: mwedlak@uwo.ca (Please contact me using this email address only.)
Office: HSB 340

Day & Time of Lectures: Tuesdays, from 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Location of Lectures: HSB 35

Office Hours: TBA

Teaching Assistant: Lisa Moszczynski

Course Website: https://owl.uwo.ca
Assigned Readings and Other Course Materials: Readings will be assigned for each topic of the course. Required readings will include selected chapters or pages from the course textbook, and from other sources as well. Other sources might include grey literature, popular press articles, website content, etc. Readings assigned will correspond to the lecture topic. Additional readings may be assigned at any time, and will be posted on the course website. Students are responsible for the content covered in all assigned readings.

LIST OF COURSE TOPICS & READINGS:

A COMPLETE LIST OF LECTURE TOPICS AND ASSIGNED READINGS WILL BE POSTED TO OWL BEFORE THE FIRST CLASS.

EVALUATION:

Evaluation for this course consists of 3 examinations: 2 mid-term exams and 1 final exam.

Every student must complete all 3 examinations.

Each of the 2 mid-term exams is worth 32.5% of the final grade. The final exam is worth 35% of the final grade.

Mid-term Exam #1 – WORTH 32.5% – will take place (during class time) on Tuesday February 4th 2020.
Mid-term Exam #2 – WORTH 32.5% – will take place (during class time) on Tuesday March 10th 2020.
Final Examination will be scheduled by The Registrar during the final exam period.

***Locations for the mid-term exams will be announced in class and on OWL prior to the exams.***

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Mid-term examinations are not cumulative. **However, the final exam is cumulative.**
- Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.
- Makeup exams will be different from those originally scheduled, and may include written and/or short answer questions.
  - Makeup examinations will be scheduled by the School of Health Studies. If you are unable to write the makeup examination for either of the two midterm
examinations (for any reason), the value of that exam will be shifted to your final examination.

- Examinable materials may include any content covered/presented in classes (lecture content, videos, etc), readings from the textbook, and any other assigned readings.

GENERAL COURSE NOTES

Academic Consideration
The University recognizes that a student’s ability to meet their academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by extenuating circumstances, including short-term illness or injury. Reasonable academic consideration is a cooperative process between the University, the student, and academic staff. All participants in the process must act in good faith, and fulfil their respective obligations, if it is to succeed.

Students who experience an extenuating circumstance (illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstance) sufficiently significant as to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements, may submit a request for academic consideration through the following routes:

(i) Submitting a Self-Reported Absence form, provided that the conditions for submission are met;
(ii) For medical absences, submitting a Student Medical Certificate (SMC) signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner, in order to be eligible for Academic Consideration; or
(iii) For non-medical absences, submitting appropriate documentation (e.g., obituary, police report, accident report, court order, etc.) to Academic Counselling in their Faculty of registration, in order to be eligible for academic consideration.

Students seeking academic consideration:
- Are advised to consider carefully the implications of postponing tests or midterm exams or delaying handing in work;
- Are encouraged to make appropriate decisions, based on their specific circumstances, recognizing that minor ailments (e.g., upset stomach) or upsets (e.g., argument with a friend) are not normally an appropriate basis for a self-reported absence;
- **Must communicate with their instructors no later than 24 hours** after the end of the period covered by either the self-reported absence or SMC, or immediately upon their return following a documented absence;
- **Are advised that all necessary documentation, forms, etc. are to be submitted to academic counselling within two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities**

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance (48 hours or less) that is sufficiently severe as to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements (e.g., attending lectures or labs, writing tests or midterm exams, completing and submitting assignments, participating in presentations) should self-declare using the online Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours or less. The following conditions are in place for self-reporting of medical or extenuating circumstances:

a. Students will be allowed a maximum of two self-reported absences between September and April, and one self-reported absence between May and August;
b. The duration of the excused absence will be for a maximum of 48 hours from the time the Self-Reported Absence form is completed through the online portal, or from 8:30am the following morning if the form is submitted after 4:30pm;

c. The duration of the excused absence will terminate prior to the end of the 48 hour period, should the student undertake significant academic responsibilities (e.g., write a test, submit a paper) during that time;

d. The duration of an excused absence will terminate at 8:30am on the day following the last day of classes each semester, regardless of how many days of absence have elapsed;

e. Self-reported absences will not be allowed for scheduled final examinations; for midterm examinations scheduled during the December examination period; or for final lab examinations (i.e., “bellringers”);

f. Self-reporting may not be used for assessments (e.g., midterm exams, tests, reports, presentations, or essays) worth more than 30% of any given course;

Students must be in touch with their instructors no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by the Self-Reported Absence form, to clarify how they will be expected to fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed.

On the Use of Electronic Devices:

During Exams: Unless you have medical accommodations that require you to do so, or explicit permission from the instructor of the course, you may not use any electronic devices during ANY tests, quizzes, midterms, examinations, or other in-class evaluations.

During Lectures and Tutorials: Although you are welcome to use a computer during lecture and tutorial periods, you are expected to use the computer for scholastic purposes only, and refrain from engaging in any activities that may distract other students from learning. From time to time, your professor may ask the class to turn off all computers, to facilitate learning or discussion of the material presented in a particular class. Unless explicitly noted otherwise, you may not make audio or video recordings of lectures – nor may you edit, re-use, distribute, or re-broadcast any of the material posted to the course website.

Statement on Academic 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/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Support Services:
There are various support services around campus and these include, but are not limited to:

1. Student Development Centre -- http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd/
2. Student Health -- http://www.shs.uwo.ca/student/studenthealthservices.html
3. Registrar’s Office -- http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/
4. Ombuds Office -- http://www.uwo.ca/ombuds/

On Health and Wellness:
As part of a successful undergraduate experience at Western, we encourage you to make your health and wellness a priority. Western provides several on-campus health-related services to help you achieve optimum health and engage in healthy living while pursuing your degree. For example, to support physical activity, all students receive membership in Western’s Campus Recreation Centre as part of their
registration fees. Numerous cultural events are offered throughout the year. Please check out the Faculty of Music web page (http://www.music.uwo.ca/), or the McIntosh Gallery (http://www.mcintoshgallery.ca/). Further information regarding health and wellness-related services available to students may be found at http://www.health.uwo.ca/.

If you are in emotional or mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/ for a complete list of options about how to obtain help. To help you learn more about mental health, Western has developed an interactive mental health learning module, found here: https://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/education/module.html.

**The School of Health Studies grade policy:**
The university-wide descriptor of the meaning of letter grades, as approved by Senate:

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<td>A+</td>
<td>90-100</td>
<td>One could scarcely expect better from a student at this level</td>
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<td>A</td>
<td>80-89</td>
<td>Superior work that is clearly above average</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>70-79</td>
<td>Good work, meeting all requirements and eminently satisfactory</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>60-69</td>
<td>Competent work, meeting requirements</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>50-59</td>
<td>Fair work, minimally acceptable.</td>
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<td>F</td>
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<td>Fail</td>
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It is expected that the grades for this course will be in the range of 68-72%. In the event that the course average falls outside this range, a constant may be added (or subtracted) from each student’s grade, by the instructor, to bring the class average in line with school policy.