Community Psychology (Spring 2021): PSCH 231 - 26225
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in PSCH 100, Credit Hours: 3

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BOOK, BLACKBOARD and BASIC RULES

Blackboard: Course syllabus posted under Syllabus, PowerPoint slides posted under Slides, lecture recordings posted under Recordings, additional course material posted under Material.

- Do not disrespect or distract me or anyone else.

- Please indicate course number (i.e., PSCH 231) when sending emails.

- Emails are permanent professional records – please ensure that when you send a professional email that it is respectful.

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Disability Services: UIC is committed to full inclusion and participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of university life. Students who face or anticipate disability-related barriers while at UIC should connect with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at drc.uic.edu, drc@uic.edu<mailto:drc@uic.edu>, or at (312) 413-2183 to create a plan for reasonable accommodations. In order to receive accommodations, students must disclose disability to the DRC, complete an interactive registration process with the DRC, and provide their course instructor with a Letter of Accommodation (LOA). Course instructors in receipt of a LOA will work with the student and the DRC to implement approved accommodations.

Academic Dishonesty: Students will be held to the University’s standards on academic dishonesty: http://dos.uic.edu/docs/Student%20Disciplinary%20Policy.pdf

Course Description: Understanding the relationship between social systems and individual wellbeing in a community-based context. Focusing on multiple levels of analysis, such as individuals, groups, programs, organizations and whole communities.
EVALUATION:

**All work for this course will be submitted online using blackboard**

Written Assignments (1-5): 50 pts (10 pts each)

*Assignments are posted on Thursday and due the following Tuesday.  
*Assignment grades penalized **2 points for every day late**

Quizzes (1 & 2): 30 pts (15 pts each)

*Quizzes are posted at 9am and due by 5pm  
*Quiz grades penalized **3 points for every day late**  
*Quizzes are short-answer format

Exams (1 & 2): 100 pts (50 pts each)

*Students have **48 hours to complete each exam**  
*Exam grades penalized **5 points for every day late**  
*Exams are essay and short-answer format

Data Collection 20 pts

EXTRA CREDIT & GRADE DISPUTES

* Extra credit may occur on quizzes and exams. No other extra points are available in this course.

*Grade disputes must be resolved within **1 week** of receiving the disputed grade.

200 Total Course Points:

A = 180 pts = 90%  
B = 160 pts = 80%  
C = 140 pts = 70%  
D = 120 pts = 60%
Course Outline: 1/12/2021-4/29/2021 * Outline subject to change with advanced notice

-- week 1 --

January 12: Course Overview

January 14: Principles of Community Psychology
Reading #1: Ending Homelessness for Families (2009)

-- week 2 --

January 19: Levels of Analysis, Core Values
Reading #2: Longitudinal Predictors of Homelessness (2016)

January 21: 70 Acres in Chicago
Written Assignment 1 Posted (Due Jan. 26th)

-- week 3 --

January 26: Levels of Analysis, Core Values cont.
Text: Chapter 1
Reading #3: Social Conditions of Becoming Homeless (2017)
Written Assignment 1 Due (10 pts)

January 28: Quiz 1 (15 pts) – Quiz 1 covers the three papers (i.e., Readings #1-3)

-- week 4 --

February 2: Empowerment
Text: Chapter 11

February 4: Film for assignment
Text: Chapter 2
Written Assignment 2 Posted (Due Feb. 9th)

-- week 5 --

February 9: Citizen Participation
Text: Chapter 11
Written Assignment 2 Due (10 pts)

February 11: Film for assignment
Written Assignment 3 Posted (Due Feb. 16th)

-- week 6 --

February 16: Methods
Text: Chapter 4
Written Assignment 3 Due (10 pts)

February 18: Methods
Text: Chapter 4

-- week 7 --

February 23: EXAM 1 Posted

February 25: EXAM 1 Due (50 pts)
March 2: Community and Social Change  
Text: Chapter 12

March 4: Songs for assignment  
Written Assignment 4 Posted (Due March 9th)

March 9: Communities: Social Capital  
Text: Chapter 6  
Reading #4: Mapping Ethnic Change in Chicago’s Neighborhoods (2016)  
Written Assignment 4 Due (10 pts)

March 11: Data Collection (20 pts)

March 16: Ecology, Environmental Psychology  
Text: Chapter 5

March 18: Food Accessibility and Documentary  
-- Spring Break --

March 30 Ecology, Environmental Psychology cont., Diversity  
Text: Chapter 7

April 1: Quiz 2 (15 pts) – Quiz 2 covers Food Accessibility/Documentary and fourth paper (i.e., Reading #4)

April 6: Lead Toxicity and Communities  
Text: Chapter 5

April 8: Songs for assignment  
Written Assignment 5 Posted (Due March 13th)

April 13: Community Nutrition and Prevention  
Text: Chapter 9  
Written Assignment 5 Due (10 pts)

April 15: Community Nutrition and Prevention cont.  
Text: Chapter 9

April 20: Decade of Fire  
April 22: Flex Day

April 27: EXAM 2 Posted  
April 29: EXAM 2 Due (50 pts)