

**Community Psychology (Spring 2022): PSCH 231 - 26225**  
**Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in PSCH 100, Credit Hours: 3, T 5-7:30, LCD4**

**INSTRUCTOR and TAs**

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**BOOK, BLACKBOARD and BASIC RULES**

**Text:** Kloos, B., Hill, J., Thomas, E., Wandersman, A., Elias, M. J. & Dalton, J. H. (2012). *Community Psychology: Linking Individuals and Communities* (3rd ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Cengage Learning. **No other materials are required.**

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

- 1. Do not disrespect or distract me or anyone else.**
- 2. Psych instructors are prohibited from modifying syllabus for individual students.**
- 3. Please indicate course number (i.e., PSCH 231) when sending emails.**
- 4. Emails are permanent professional records.**

**DRC, CHEATING and BASIC INFO**

**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:

**Written Assignments (1-4):** **80 pts (20 pts each)**

*\*Assignment grades penalized 2 points for every day late*

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

*\***MAKE-UP POLICY:** You can make-up **one** exam. You must contact your TA by the original exam date to request a make-up. Make-ups are short-answer.*

**Data Collection** **20 pts**

### **EXTRA CREDIT & GRADE DISPUTES**

*\* Extra credit will occur on 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: 1/12/2022-4/29/2022 \*subject to change with advanced notice**

*-- week 1--*

**January 11:** Course Overview / Principles of Community Psychology

Reading #1

*-- week 2--*

**January 18:** Levels of Analysis, Core Values

Reading #2

*-- week 3--*

**January 25:** 70 Acres in Chicago

**Written Assignment 1 Posted (Due Feb 1<sup>st</sup>)**

-- week 4--

**February 1:** Empowerment  
Text: Chapter 11  
**Written Assignment 1 Due (20 pts)**

-- week 5--

**February 8:** Citizen Participation  
Reading #3

-- week 6--

**February 15:** Campaigns past & present  
**Written Assignment 2 Posted (Due Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

-- week 7--

**February 22:** Methods  
Text: Chapter 4  
**Written Assignment 2 Due (20 pts)**

-- Week 8--

**March 1: EXAM 1 (50 pts)**

-- week 9--

**March 8:** Community and Social Change  
Text: Chapter 12

-- week 10--

**March 15:** Communities: Social Capital  
Reading #4  
**Written Assignment 3 Posted (Due March 29<sup>th</sup>)**

**--Spring Break--**

-- Week 11--

**March 29** Ecology, Environmental Psychology  
Reading #5  
**Written Assignment 3 Due (20 pts)**

-- Week 12--

**April 5: Cooked: Survival by Zip Code / Data Collection (20 pts)**

-- Week 13--

**April 12:** Lead Toxicity and Communities  
Reading #6  
**Written Assignment 4 Posted (Due April 19<sup>th</sup>)**

-- Week 14--

**April 19:** Community Nutrition and Prevention  
**Written Assignment 4 Due (20 pts)**

-- Week 15--

**April 26: EXAM 2 (50 pts)**