

**PSYCHOLOGY 450 (CRN 22855)**  
**Developmental and Learning Disabilities**  
**January 9 to April 6, 2023**

**Textbook**

**There is no specific textbook for this course. Readings and handouts will be distributed in class as needed.**

**Course Description**

A developmental disability, as defined under the *Child and Family Services Act*, is "a condition of mental impairment, present or occurring during a person's formative years that is associated with limitations in adaptive behaviour." The purpose of this course is to introduce concepts, theory, and research on the etiology, diagnosis, and treatment of developmental and learning disabilities, and in-depth examination of underlying brain function. Emphasis on role of early environment in brain developmental and learning disorders.

Other key PSYC 351B Prerequisite: PSYC 300B

do not have the prerequisites do so at their own risk. Those who

## 2. Round Tables

Throughout the term each student will be required to complete 10 assigned in-class/ out-of-

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**Note:**

**Students who have completed the following elements will be considered to have completed the course:**

**element a: 3/3 exams (Total Value 55%)**

**element b: Presentation and Paper (Total Value 20%)**

Failure to complete one or more of these elements will result in a grade of “N” regardless of the cumulative percentage of all other elements of the course.

N is a failing grade and factors into GPA as a value of 0. In accordance with the [University’s policy on academic concessions](#), “A student who completes all course requirements is not eligible for an academic concession”. Consequently, students can only request deferrals for the completion of required course components and not for non-essential course components.

**Note:** You are responsible for materials in lectures you do not attend. Tests and examinations will contain short-answer questions. Missed examinations with a valid reason will be made up at the earliest convenient time. If you miss an examination due to illness, accident, or family affliction, you must notify Dr. Bain immediately. Missed examinations without a valid reason will receive a score of zero. Letter grades will be assigned as follows with scores.

A+ 90 – 100%	B+ 77 – 79%	C+ 65 – 69%	F < 49%
A 85 – 89%	B 73 – 76%	C 60 – 64%	
A- 80 – 84%	B- 70 – 72%	D 50 – 59%	

# UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Department of Psychology  
Important Course Policy Information  
Winter Session 2022/23

## **Accessible Learning**

The University of Victoria is committed to creating a learning experience that is as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience any barriers to learning in this course, please feel welcome to discuss your concerns with

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## **Course Experience Survey (CES)**

The instructor values your feedback on this course. Toward the end of term, you will have the opportunity to complete a confidential course experience survey (CES) regarding your learning experience. The survey is vital to providing feedback to



## Prerequisites

## University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS)

The [UVSS](#) is a social justice based non-profit run by students, for students and is entirely separate from UVic. As an undergrad student, you are already a member! We work on issues affecting students such as affordability, public transit, sexualized violence, sustainability, student employment, and much more. We fund clubs and course unions, and have several advocacy groups. We also have a Food Bank and Free Store, a Peer Support Centre, and run your health and dental plan. We are here to support you, so please reach out to us at [uvss.ca](http://uvss.ca)!

### Academic Important Dates

#### Winter session - second term (January – April)

Monday, Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	Second term classes begin for all faculties
Sunday, Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day for 100% reduction of second term fees for standard courses 50% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date.
Wednesday, Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for adding courses that begin in the second term
Tuesday, January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Last day for paying second term fees without penalty
Sunday, Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for 50% reduction of tuition fees for standard courses 100% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date.
Feb 20 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Reading Break for all faculties
Tuesday, Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for withdrawing from full year and second term courses without penalty of failure
Thursday, Apr 6 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of classes in second term for all faculties
Apr 11 <sup>th</sup> - Apr 26 <sup>th</sup>	Second-term formal examination period



A note to remind you to take care of yourself. Do your best to maintain a healthy lifestyle this semester by eating well, exercising, getting enough sleep and taking some time to relax. This will help you achieve your goals and cope with stress. All of us benefit from support during times of struggle. You are not alone.

***Social Life, Friends, & Community at UVic:***

Having a social network is an extremely important foundation for positive mental health. There are lots of benefits to joining clubs, course unions, intramurals and teams on campus.

<https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/housing-student-life/student-life/index.php>

***Counselling Services:***

The Student Wellness Centre can help you make the most of your university experience. They offer free professional, confidential, inclusive support to currently registered UVic students.

<https://www.uvic.ca/student-wellness/contacts/student-wellness->

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<team/index.php#ipn-physicians>

***Centre for Accessible Learning:***

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[www.uvic.ca/services/cal/](http://www.uvic.ca/services/cal/)

let us know your needs, the quicker we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.

***Elders' Voices:***

The Office of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement (IACE) has the privilege of assembling a group of Elders from local communities to guide students, staff, faculty and administration in Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

[www.uvic.ca/services/indigenous/students/programming/elders/](http://www.uvic.ca/services/indigenous/students/programming/elders/)

***Mental Health Supports and Services:***

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