# CJ 3500 INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE

**TEXTBOOKS:** Within Our Reach: Preventing Abuse Across the Lifespan

**Ateah, Christine A. and Janet Mirwaldt (eds)** 

Reclaiming Self: Issue & Resources for Women Abused by Intimate Partners Tutty, Leslie M. and Carolyn Goard (eds) Pieces of a Puzzle: Perspectives on Child Sexual Abuse

**Hiebert-Murphy and Linda Burnside (eds)** 

A Child Called It, David Peltzer

WebCT Readings

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The primary objective of this course will be to examine the nature and extent of various manifestations of interpersonal violence. Specific types of interpersonal violence covered will include child abuse and neglect, child sexual violence, spousal abuse, elder abuse, date rape and other forms of intimate sexual and physical violence. The course includes a comprehensive examination of theoretical perspectives regarding the nature and origins of interpersonal violence as well as a critical examination of the effectiveness of the mental health, child welfare, and criminal justice systems approach to interpersonal violence prevention, intervention, and policy.

#### **COURSE EVALUATION:**

Final grades will be determined on the basis of the following evaluations:

Test 1 30% Research Paper 35% Final Exam 35%

Tests are *not* cumulative and will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and short essay questions. Students will be responsible for both lecture material and all assigned readings. Students are expected to attend class and are expected to complete the assigned readings prior to class so that any problems, questions or concerns can be addressed in class and to facilitate class discussion. Information on the term paper will be distributed separately.

The following policies regarding grading are in effect:

- 1) Under no circumstances will early tests be given.
- 2) Make-up tests will be allowed only if there is a legitimate reason (i.e illness) for your absence. In the case of illness, a doctor's note is required. Students must notify the instructor within a week of the missed test if they wish to write a make-up test. Failure to do so will result in a grade of F.
- 3) A grader/marker may be used to assist in marking a portion of tests and written

assignments.

## **GRADE DISTRIBUTION:**

The following letter/percentage scale will be used for each of the tests.

### **GRADE DISTRIBUTION**

A+ = 90-100%	B+ = 75-79%	C = 60-64%
A = 84-89%	B = 70-74%	D = 50-59%
A- = 80-83%	C+ = 65-69%	F = 0-49%

#### **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:**

Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy regarding **academic ethics** (i.e. cheating). It is outlined in The University of Winnipeg Course Calendar under the heading; Regulations and Policies.

http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/calendar-calendar

#### **WITHDRAWAL DATE:**

The final date to withdraw from the course without academic penalty can be found online. http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-withdrawal-schedules

#### SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Students with documented disabilities requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams (e.g., private space) or during lectures/laboratories (e.g., access to volunteer note-takers) are encouraged to contact the Coordinator of Disability Services (DS) at 786-9771 to discuss appropriate options. Specific information about DS is available on-line at <a href="http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-disability">http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-disability</a>. All information about the disability is confidential.

# INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE CJ 3500 COURSE OUTLINE AND REQUIRED READINGS

Please note this is a tentative schedule and may be modified throughout the term. Students will be advised of any changes in class.

Week One: Introduction to Interpersonal Violence

Readings Ateah & Mirwaldt Introduction

Hiebert-Murphy & Burnside Introduction

Week Two: Interpersonal Violence Rates, Trends, Measurement

Readings A Child Called It – D.Peltzer

Webct: Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile: Section 3

Matthew's Story: Executive Summary of the Gove Inquiry

Week Three: Child Abuse and Neglect

Readings Peltzer continued

Ateah & Mirwaldt Chapters 1

Week Four: Child Sexual Abuse

Readings Hiebert-Murphy & Burnside Chapters 2,4

Webct - "How the Criminal Justice System Responds to Sexual Assault Survivors: The Slippage between "Responsibilization" and

"Blaming the Victim" ."

Week Five: Prevention, Treatment and Intervention of Child Abuse

Readings: Hiebert-Murphy & Burnside Chapters 1,3,5

Ateah & Mirwaldt Chapters 3
Tutty & Goard Chapter 4

Week Six: Guest Speaker

Week Seven: Midterm Test

Week Eight: Spousal Assault

Readings Tutty & Goard Chapter 1

Webct: Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile Sections 2

& 5

Understanding Theories & Their Links to Intervention Strategies

Week Nine: Spousal Homicide

Readings Tutty & Goard Chapter 2 & 3

Webct "Femicide in Saskatchewan" Deb Farden

"Do We Need to Syndromize Women's Experience: The Limitatons

of the "Battered Woman Syndrome"

Week Ten: Stalking – Criminal Harassment

Readings Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile Chapter 2

Webct "Criminalizing Harassment and the Transformative Potential

of Law".

Week Eleven: Date & Acquaintance Rape

Readings Ateah & Mirwaldt Chapter 4

Webct: "Intergenerational Transmission and Dating Violence Victimization: Evidence from a Sample of Female University

Students in Manitoba".

"Girlfriend Abuse as a Form of Masculinity Construction".

Week Twelve: Interpersonal Violence against Vulnerable Groups

Readings Ateah & Mirwaldt Chapter 6

Webct : "Overpoliced and Underprotected: A Question of Justice

for Aboriginal Women".

"Male Partner Violence Against Aboriginal Women in Canada: An

Empirical Analysis".

Week Thirteen: Future Directions: Policy & Change

Readings Tutty & Goard Chapter 7

Webct "Justice From the Victim's Perspective"

**Final Exam**