

Community Psychology WebCT - Spring 2004 Syllabus

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TEXTBOOK:

- Dalton, J.H., Elias, M.J. & Wandersman, A. (2002) Community Psychology: Linking Individuals and Communities, Belmont CA: Wadsworth Thomson Learning
- Packet of additional readings (Kauai, Maui and Kona students pick up from your University Center - Hilo students pick up from Psychology Department Office)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Community psychology focuses on social issues, social institutions, and other settings that influence individuals, groups and organizations. This course provides an overview of the principles and methods of the field and their application to community issues and settings.

COURSE GOALS:

- To introduce you to the principles, theories, and methods of inquiry of the field of community psychology.
- To apply community psychology inquiry to the communities in which we live.
- To learn about community issues in Hawaii and Pacific Island communities.
- To encourage participation in community psychology research and action.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- You are required to complete weekly assignments. You will find the due dates and total points possible for each week in the assignment section for each Weekly Topic.
- There will be a Mid-Term Examination and Final Examination, each consisting of essay questions. You will be required to take the exams in-person at the proctor site at your location. Additional information about the exam procedures will be provided in the coming weeks.

- You are required to complete three Course Projects: 1) community interview, 2) community survey, and 3) community volunteer service. Each of these projects is described in more detail below.

WEEKLY TOPICS:

Week 1	Jan 12-16	Introduction
Week 2	Jan 19-23	Ecological Levels of Analysis
Week 3	Jan 26-30	Core Values and Principles
Week 4	Feb 2-6	Sense of Community
Week 5	Feb 9-13	Community Research Methods
		Course Project #1 - Community Interview
Week 6	Feb 16-20	Ecological Perspective
Week 7	Feb 23	Exam #1 Study Guide Posted
	Feb 25	Exam #1 Review Day
	Feb 27	Exam #1
Week 8	Mar 2-6	Prevention
Week 9	Mar 8-12	Course Project #2 - Community Survey
Week 10	Mar 15-19	Diversity
Week 11	Mar 22-26	Spring Break
Week 12	Mar 29-Apr 2	Empowerment
Week 13	Apr 5-9	Social Change
Week 14	Apr 12-16	Community Projects
		Course Project #3 - Community Service
Week 15	Apr 19-23	Program Evaluation
Week 16	Apr 26-30	Project Presentation (via Discussion Post)
Week 17	May 3	Exam #2 Study Guide Posted
	May 5	Exam #2 Review Day
Week 18	May 12	Exam #2 (Final Exam)

COURSE PROJECTS:

1. Community Interview = 40 points

Conduct a 20-minute tape recorded interview with one community member who is knowledgeable about the community issue you focussed on for the Week #2 assignment related to ecological levels of analysis. This project includes three separate assignments, each with a different point value and different due date. Course Project #1 is described in detail in Weekly Topics - Week 5 - Community Research Methods (Feb 9-13).

2. Community Survey = 40 points

Conduct a community survey regarding community readiness for drug abuse prevention. A copy of the survey is provided in your packet of readings. You will be responsible for making copies of the survey and

administering the survey to 10 key leaders in your community. Course Project #2 is described in detail in Weekly Topics - Week 9 (Mar 8-12)

3. Community Service = 20 points

Conduct one hour of volunteer service in your community. You may provide help to an individual, group, or organization. This project includes conducting the service and submitting a report related to the service activity. Course Project #3 is described in detail in Weekly Topics - Week 14 - Community Projects (Apr 12-16),

TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE:

Weekly Assignments	100 points
Exam #1	50 points
Exam #2 (Final Exam)	50 points
Course Projects:	
Community Interview	40 points
Community Survey	40 points
Community Service	20 points
Total Points Possible	300 points

GRADING SCALE:

273-300 points	91% - 100%	A
261-272 points	87%-<91%	A-
252-260 points	84%-<87%	B+
243-251 points	81%-<84%	B
231-242 points	77%-<81%	B-
222-230 points	74%-<77%	C+
213-221 points	71%-<74%	C
201-212 points	67%-<71%	C-
180-200 points	60%-<67%	D
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NOTE: Syllabus subject to change.