



Special Topics Courses (2017-2018)

Fall

PSY 307F – Special Topics in Psychology

Day/Time: Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Instructor: Dr. Jonathan Downar (*Dept. of Psychiatry and University Health Network*)

Topic: “*Neuroscience of Complex Human Behaviour*”

Course Description: *An overview of the emerging neuroscience of complex human behaviours including emotion regulation, decision-making, willed behaviour, and social interaction. Emphasis on case studies of patients with neuropsychiatric pathology. Neuroimaging, neurostimulation, pharmacological, and lesion studies will also be reviewed.*

Winter

PSY 407S – Special Topics in Psychology

Day/Time: Wednesday 4 – 7 p.m.

Instructor: Dr. Peter Selby (*Dalla Lana School of Public Health and CAMH*)

Topic: “*Drugs, Sex, and Rock ‘n’ Roll: Addiction as a Disorder of Consumption*”

Course Description: *This course brings together the three major streams of psychology around one topic: Addiction. Social, cognitive, brain and behaviour approaches to understanding addiction will be covered. The course will include neuroscientific and psychosocial topics, as well as an overview of cognitive-behavioural schemas and pharmacological approaches used to conceptualize and treat addictions. A comprehensive examination of stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens, opioids, tobacco, inhalants, over the counter-medications, psychopharmaceuticals, performance-enhancing drugs and non-substance-based addictions will take place. The health, social, legal and ethical consequences of addiction will be reviewed within a biopsychosocial framework used to develop a model that understands addiction as a developmental and chronic disorder of consumption with broader societal implications.*

****Prerequisites for all Special Topics courses: PSY 100H1, PSY 201H1 (or equivalent), and one further 200-level PSY half-course. Priority enrolment is for those in the PSY Major Program.**

[These Special Topics courses will be considered in both the Cluster A and Cluster B categories due to their interdisciplinary focus]