

# PSYCHOLOGY OF EMOTION (PSYC18S)

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**Textbook:** **Social Psychology of Emotion**  
Darren Ellis  
Ian Tucker

**Midterm Exam Date:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 (in class)

**Term Paper is due electronically to the TAs by Midnight on the last day of the term which is March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Website:** <http://uoft.me/aestheticsofemotion>

## Blackboard Usage:

Midterm grades will be posted in the Grade Book.

Please check the Blackboard Announcements regularly to make sure you keep up to date with what's happening in the course.

## **Evaluation:**

- (1) Midterm test and Final exam each worth 1/3 of your grade. There will be 50 multiple choice questions covering the lectures and text. I will try for 25 lecture and 25 text questions but some of my lectures cover text material so that may not be exact.
- (2) In terms of textbook content, the midterm will cover the first half of the textbook: Chapters 1-4 (inclusive). The final exam will cover the second half of the textbook: Chapter 5-10 plus the Conclusion (inclusive).
- (3) I have also prepared and uploaded summaries of material from the textbook and Gardiner's *Feeling and Emotion* that are included in the midterm exam. These are meant to help students understand the first three chapters in the textbook.

I may also assign additional readings and have students view videos from my series on the *Aesthetics of Emotion* (<http://uoft.me/aestheticsofemotion>)

- (4) Twenty page term paper worth 1/3 of your grade on a topic related to emotion. The format will be discussed in class.

Your final grade is based on: Midterm (1/3), Final Exam (1/3), and Paper (1/3).

## **Goals of the course:**

The course offers an overview of ideas related to the psychology of emotion.

- a. The philosophical contributions of the ancient Greeks and Medieval thinkers.
- b. The emergence of a secular (i.e., non-religious) approach to emotion theory during the Renaissance (16<sup>th</sup> century).
- c. An examination of the ideas of British Enlightenment philosophers of the 18<sup>th</sup> century who paved the way for behavioural-cognitivism and Action models of emotion.
- d. An examination of German Romantic philosophers of the 19<sup>th</sup> century whose ideas shaped the psychodynamic, Gestalt, and phenomenological approaches to Reaction models of emotion.

- d. A proposal for a unified model of emotion called *Emotional Phase Theory* based on the distinction between emotions, feelings, affects, and appetitive needs.
- e. An examination of how emotion both shapes and is shaped by the Age of Electronic Transmission.
- f. An examination of how emotions and feelings influence our aesthetic and media preferences.

## **Missed Term Work due to Medical Illness or Emergency:**

All students citing a documented reason for missed term work (this includes assignments and midterm exams) must bring their documentation to the Undergraduate Course Coordinator, Ainsley Lawson, **within three (3) business days** of the term test / assignment due date. All documentation must be accompanied by the departmental **[Request for Missed Term Work form](http://uoft.me/PSY-MTW)** (<http://uoft.me/PSY-MTW>).

In the case of missed term work due to illness, only an **original copy** of the **[official UTSC Verification of Illness Form](http://uoft.me/PSY-MED)** (<http://uoft.me/PSY-MED>) will be accepted. Forms are to be completed in full, clearly indicating the start date, anticipated end date, and severity of illness. The physician's registration number and business stamp are required.

In the case of other emergency, a record of visitation to a hospital emergency room or copy of a death certificate may be considered.

**Forms should be dropped off in SW427C between 9 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday.** Upon receipt of the documentation, you will receive an email response from the Course Instructor / Course Coordinator within three business days. The Course Instructor reserves the right to decide what accommodations (if any) will be made for the missed work. Late penalties may be waived in legitimate circumstances (determined by verified documentation).

Note that this policy applies only to missed term work (assignments and midterms). Missed final exams are dealt with by the Registrar's Office (<http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/registrar/missing-examination>).

**Failure to adhere to any aspect of this policy may result in a denial of your request for accommodation.**