

Contact Information

Course Instructor

Professor Kyle Danielson

Office Hours

Please follow these instructions to sign up for an office hours appointment:

- Navigate to <https://calendly.com/kdanielson/>
- Choose an appointment type.
- If you need to cancel or reschedule the appointment, please do so using the link that you receive by email so that another student can take your slot.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Kyle's office hours are for **content-related questions** or **academic/career advice**. For all **administrative concerns**, such as missed deadlines, assignment instructions, AccessAbility accommodations, SONA issues, etc., please visit Ainsley's office hours.



Course Coordinator

Ainsley Lawson

Contact

Please email psya02@utsc.utoronto.ca. Zoom appointments can be arranged if necessary, but most questions will be addressed over email.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Ainsley is able to answer **administrative questions** (assignment instructions, deadlines, accommodations, issues with SONA, etc.) For content questions, please visit Kyle's office hours.

Ainsley is also able to answer questions related to the Psychology, Mental Health Studies, and Neuroscience programs.



General Course Information

This course is the second part of Introduction to Psychology. Along with PSYA01, this course provides students with an overview of the foundational aspects of psychological science. In PSYA02, we will continue covering some of the **basic building blocks** of psychology, such as intelligence, emotion, social psychology, and personality. We'll also spend some time discussing **developmental change** across the lifespan. Finally, we'll finish the term by exploring **atypical patterns** in psychology, including psychological disorders and the treatment of them.

We think that there is something for everyone in this course. Even if you don't think that you have thought deeply about psychology before, we in fact are all amateur psychological scientists, constantly pondering and analyzing our own psychological states and those of others around us. We hope that you will find aspects of this course to be applicable to and enriching of your daily lives.

After you finish the PSYA01 and PSYA02 sequence of courses, you'll be prepared to dive further into psychological science at the B-level. We hope that, after this experience, you'll be motivated to do so!

Learning Objectives

By the time you finish this course, you should...

- ...have a **basic understanding** of the major concepts, findings, and theories in personality, developmental, social, health, and clinical psychology
- ...be comfortable **critiquing** a product of pop science using empirical data and theories from psychological science
- ...have practice **applying** concepts, findings, and theories from psychological science to real-world scenarios
- ...be able to **think critically** about competing theoretical claims in psychology
- ...have practice **critiquing peers' written work** and **incorporating** such feedback into your own written work
- ...have **thought deeply** about what place the study of psychological science will have in the rest of your university career and beyond

Lectures

It is very important to note that the lectures for the summer section of PSYA02 were recorded during Winter 2020. The **content** of the course remains the same between the two semesters, so everything psychology-related that is discussed in the lectures can reliably be used to study for the assessments in this course. **However, the discussion of administrative aspects of the course (e.g., due dates, assignment topics, office hours, etc.) are different. Please refer to this syllabus document and the Course Deadlines document for up-to-date information about PSYA02 this summer.**

Textbook

The textbook we will be using for this course is called Psychological Science (2nd **Canadian** Edition) and is authored by Krause, Smith, Corts & Dolderman.

In PSYA02 we will cover Chapters 9 through 16 of the text, but not in the exact order that they appear! Please see the lecture schedule on Quercus for details

Previous editions of the textbook are not recommended, as we do not know how much of the content has changed.

You can purchase a subscription to the online version of the textbook through the [U of T bookstore](#). Alternatively, if you can find a new or used hard copy somewhere, that is fine too.

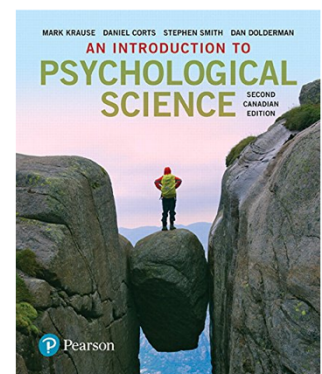
A subscription to "Revel" (the online textbook platform) is *not* required if you have a hard copy of the book, however, Revel has a few handy features. It has the advantage of being searchable, and contains quizzes that you could use for practice when studying. You will only be able to access these features if you buy the online textbook subscription.

If you have purchased a Revel access code, visit this website to join the course:

<https://console.pearson.com/enrollment/mvo31g>

To access the textbook online, navigate to the following link and use the code that you purchased. If you are not sure whether you will remain in the course, you may use the textbook online for free for 14 days.

An important note about the relationship between the textbook and the lectures: although the lectures will be informed by the textbook, certain aspects of the textbook will be emphasized more than others. Some information may also be introduced that may **not** be in the textbook. mTuner quizzes and the exams will consist of questions from **both** the lecture and the textbook, in roughly equal proportions. It is thus **essential** that you watch each lecture carefully and read each chapter of the textbook (preferably at least twice). Simply reading the textbook alone or watching the lectures alone is **NOT** sufficient!



Course Mark Breakdown

All assessments will be performed **online**. Due dates for each of these assignments can be found in the **Course Deadlines** document on Quercus. **The deadlines are not flexible, under any circumstances, and missing a deadline will result in a "0" on the assignment in question. No late work is accepted for credit in PSYA02 (see Course Policies for more information).**

Grading Scheme:

1%	mTuner 0: Syllabus Quiz
18%	mTuners 1-4 (4.5% each)
12%	peerScholar writing assignment
3%	Experimental participation (SONA)
8%	Top Hat exercises
29%	Midterm Exam
29%	Final Exam

mTuner

mTuner activities are enhanced, online multiple-choice tests that you will complete after every two chapters we cover in PSYA02. With the exception of mTuner 0, each mTuner activity will contain **25 questions**, and will cover the following chapters and their corresponding lectures:

mTuner 0:	Syllabus (this quiz will contain approximately 10 questions about the syllabus and course structure)
mTuner 1:	10 and 12
mTuner 2:	9 and 11
mTuner 3:	13 and 14
mTuner 4:	15 and 16

The mTuner questions will predominantly be based on the chapters listed. However, Psychology is a cumulative discipline. You should be familiar with earlier chapters in the textbook in order to answer questions on the later mTuners.

Detailed information on the dates for the mTuner activities and how to complete them will be available on Quercus.

The mTuners are meant to help you PRACTICE and to stay up to speed with the lectures. They are NOT designed to mimic the midterm and final exams. Although the question format on the mTuners and on the final exam are similar, do NOT mistake high performance on the mTuners as a guarantee of high performance on the final exam. mTuner scores are typically in the 80-90% range, because they allow you to answer the questions multiple times for partial points. The exams typically have a lower mean score.

There will be no extensions, accommodations, or exemptions to mTuner 0 (Syllabus Quiz), with the exception of accommodations sanctioned by AccessAbility. If you do not complete mTuner 0 by the deadline, you will not receive this 1%.

peerScholar

peerScholar is an online tool that helps develop your critical thinking skills. There are three phases:

- 1) You will write a short composition. The topic of the composition will be released shortly after the term begins.
- 2) You will be randomly assigned to anonymously evaluate assignments submitted by approximately six of your peers. At the same time, approximately six peers will be anonymously evaluating your work.
- 3) You will revise your composition in light of the feedback you received, and course TAs will grade you on the final composition, the quality of the comments you gave to your peers, and the appropriateness of your revisions.

Detailed information on the dates for the peerScholar activity and how to complete it will be available on Quercus shortly after classes begin in May.

Experimental Participation (SONA)

Many senior undergraduates, graduate students and faculty conduct research aimed at better understanding psychological processes. You will read about such research throughout the course, but to make what you read more concrete, another component of the class involves you serving as a participant in ongoing research. Being a participant will give you the chance to interact directly with researchers in the context of a few specific experiments, with the hope that you will come to a better understanding of psychological research through this experience. **You will earn 0.5 credits for every 30 minutes of participation, up to a maximum of 3 credits (3 hours).** During Summer 2020, all experimental participation will take place online.

To find and schedule experiments, you will use a system called SONA. New experiments will be posted regularly. You earn your credits over the term as suitable experiments (i.e. ones that you want to do and that fit your schedule) become available. **Detailed information will be posted to Quercus once SONA has been opened for the term** (starting the third week of class).

AGAIN, SONA does not open until approximately the third week of classes (end of May/beginning of June). Please do not email us asking when SONA is open. We will post an announcement on Quercus as soon as it opens.

Some notes:

- If you sign up for an experiment but fail to complete it, you will receive a **0.5 credit deduction** from your SONA grade. If you need to cancel an appointment, you must do so using the SONA system at least 48 hours before the online study is due.
- Similarly, if a researcher needs to cancel your appointment, they must inform you 48 hours in advance.
- You must complete your experimental participation by the last day of classes for the term.

An **alternative assignment** will be made available during the last few weeks of class, for those who prefer not to participate in research studies, or who did not find any suitable experiments to participate in. The due date for the alternative assignment will be the same as the last day to participate in research. **Detailed information on the SONA alternative assignment will be posted to Blackboard.**

There will be no extensions, accommodations, or exemptions to the SONA alternative assignment for any reason (with the exception of accommodations sanctioned by AccessAbility).

Top Hat

This term, we will be using Top Hat to encourage fuller engagement with the lectures. **All students must purchase a Top Hat subscription.** Note that if you previously purchased a year-long Top Hat subscription, it may still be valid for this term. Be sure to check before purchasing another one.

Depending on when you were enrolled in PSYA02, you may have received an invitation to our Top Hat course. Whether you received an emailed invitation or not, you may sign up for Top Hat by navigating to tophat.com, creating an account, and **using our course code: 383803.** There will be no Top Hat activities for the first lecture of the course (Lecture 1).

Top Hat questions will be scattered throughout the lecture. Some lectures will have Top Hat questions before or after the lecture video itself. There will typically be 4 or more questions per lecture. As you are watching the lecture on WebOption, you should respond to the questions while you watch the lecture. Regardless of when you decide to watch the lecture, it is your responsibility to respond to these questions **prior to the start of the following mTuner.**

Responding to each Top Hat question contributes a small amount to your mark. At the end of the term, we will tally the number of Top Hat questions and your mark will be determined based on how many of those questions you responded to. **There will be no extensions, accommodations, or exemptions to the Top Hat questions for any reason, with the exception of accommodations sanctioned by AccessAbility. If you do not complete Top Hat questions prior to the start of the next mTuner, regardless of the reason, your Top Hat mark will be reduced.**

Midterm Exam

The midterm exam will take place **online**. The midterm exam will most likely take place after Reading Week. The exact date and time will be scheduled by the Registrar shortly after classes begin. As such, please be prepared to write the midterm exam any time after Reading Week, including in the evenings and on Saturdays.

The midterm exam will consist of multiple-choice questions (with answer choices A through E). It will cover material from Chapters 9, 10, 11, and 12, as well as any lectures on those chapters. The exam will be **open-book/open-notes**, but it will be assigned within a specific time window and must be completed during that time.

The exam covers material from **both** the textbook and lecture, and questions may appear on the test that only appeared in one of those two modalities.

Final Exam

The final exam will have the exact same format as the midterm exam, and will cover Chapters 13, 14, 15, and 16. The final exam is **not cumulative**. However, as with the mTuners, it is important to note that psychology is a cumulative discipline. You may very well be expected to remember some details from earlier in the course to best answer questions on the final, but there will be no questions that are entirely based on material from earlier chapters.

The final exam takes place **online** during August exam period. The Registrar will not schedule the final exam until late June, so it is essential to plan to write the exam at any point during the exam period, including evenings and Saturdays.

Extra Credit

Throughout the term, there **may** be a few **optional, extra credit** activities that you can complete online or in person on campus. Details about these activities will be made available on Quercus. These activities will be worth 5% **or less** of the course mark **in total**, so you should not count on them to boost your mark significantly. **Not every term will include extra credit activities.**

COURSE POLICIES

Please read this section in its entirety and very carefully. There are no exceptions to these policies.

Email about Course Policies, Assignments, and Other Administrative Concerns

The most effective way to reach us is using email. Consider reading this (somewhat tongue-in-cheek) article about writing academic emails. While the post (and particularly its title) is somewhat satirical, the advice is sound. <https://bit.ly/2v2Ethk>

If you are emailing about course policies, due dates, missed work, technical problems, psychology program advice, or other administrative concerns:

- Send an email to psya02@utsc.utoronto.ca
- Include a short, polite subject in the subject line along with the course code (PSYA02)
- Include your student number in the subject line **and** in the body of the email
- Compose a concise, polite email to Ainsley outlining your request

Please note that PSYA02 is a very large course. Because of the volume of email we receive, we can only respond to emails that adhere closely to these guidelines. If you send an email and do not receive a response within 2-3 working days, it is likely because your email did not adhere to these guidelines. Please try again while adhering to the guidelines.

Email about Course Content (Psychology), Career Questions, and Professional Development

ONLY if you are emailing about course content (questions about psychology), career advice, or other questions about your academic or professional development, you may email Kyle directly at k.danielson@utoronto.ca. Please follow the same guidelines as above when emailing Kyle.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any emails sent directly to Kyle's email address about administrative issues will be automatically forwarded to the course email address (psya02@utsc.utoronto.ca). Emailing Kyle about administrative issues is no faster or more effective than emailing the course address.

Kyle aims to respond to email very quickly, usually within 48 business hours. If you have followed the guidelines above, and you don't receive a response from him within 48 business hours (e.g., you email on a Friday afternoon and do not hear back before Tuesday afternoon), feel free to email him again.

Exceptions:

- If you email Kyle's address about administrative issues, those emails will be forwarded to the course address. Do not expect a response from Kyle about administrative issues.
- If you email Kyle about grade changes, those emails will be deleted. Kyle will never respond to emails about changes to your grades. Please see "Grade Changes" at the end of this syllabus document.

Your Own Email

It is essential that you check your University of Toronto email and course announcements on a **daily basis** while enrolled in this course. All correspondence will be sent to that email address, including announcements posted on Quercus (provided you have this feature turned on in Quercus.) Failure to check your email **will not** be considered a valid excuse for missing deadlines or time-sensitive information in this course. Again, make sure that it is your *official* U of T email address that you are checking!

When signing up for technological services related to this course (e.g., the online textbook, Top Hat, mTuner, etc.), it is essential that you use this University of Toronto email address. Please do not use your personal, non-U of T email address, or we will not be able to trace your work to you, which may cause inaccuracies in computing your marks. **The course staff is not responsible for tracking down your work if you have used an email address other than your U of T email address, and you may receive no credit for work completed using a personal, non-University address.**

Missed Term Work

Everything described above is considered a required part of the class. We believe the evaluation is most fair when all students complete all components with no special consideration being applied.

If you miss a course activity, **we do not offer make-up assignments**. However, if you can provide documentation that proves you were incapable of completing an activity for a legitimate reason (legitimacy to be determined by the professor and course coordinator) then we may be able **transfer the weight** of that activity to the midterm or to final exam, or make other accommodations at our discretion. **Note that the midterm and final exam marks tend to be lowest of all the marks in the course**, so it is not in your best interest to have weight transferred to your exams. **You should avoid missing assignments if at all possible.**

The following assignments are excluded from any accommodations. Complete these activities early to avoid losing marks: mTuner 0 Syllabus quiz, Top Hat participation, SONA alternate written assignments.

Students are given ample amounts of time to complete these activities, so no accommodations will be granted if they are missed (with the exception of accommodations sanctioned by AccessAbility.)

Department of Psychology Missed Term Work Policy:

All students citing a documented reason for missed term work must submit their request for accommodations **within three (3) business days** of the deadline for the missed work.

>>>> **Submit via email to:** Keely Hicks, Departmental Assistant, keely.hicks@utoronto.ca <<<<

Students must submit **BOTH** of the following:

- (1.) A completed **Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations form** (<http://uoft.me/PSY-MTW>), and
- (2.) **Appropriate documentation** to verify your illness or emergency, as described below.

Appropriate documentation:

For missed **ASSIGNMENTS** or **mTuner QUIZZES** or **TERM TESTS** due to **FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS** or **SELF-ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Email the Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations form (uoft.me/PSY-MTW) to Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca), and
- **Declare** your absence on **ACORN** (Profile & Settings > Absence Declaration)

For missed **ASSIGNMENTS** or **mTuner QUIZZES** due to **OTHER ILLNESS:**

- Email the Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations form (uoft.me/PSY-MTW) to Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca), along with the Self-Declaration of Student Illness Form (uoft.me/PSY-self-declare-form).

For missed **TERM TESTS** due to **OTHER ILLNESS:**

- Email the Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations form (uoft.me/PSY-MTW) to Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca), along with a scan/photo of the **original** copy of the official UTSC Verification of Illness Form (uoft.me/UTSC-Verification-Of-Illness-Form) or an **original** copy of the record of visitation to a hospital ER.
- Forms are to be completed in full, clearly indicating the start date, anticipated end date, and severity of illness. The physician's registration # and business stamp are required.
- *Note: If an end date of "ongoing" is specified, the medical note will be assumed to cover a period of **two weeks**. If no end date / an "unknown" end date is specified, the note will be assumed to cover a period of **three business days** (starting from illness start date.)*

For missed **TERM TESTS** or **mTuner QUIZZES** due to **ACCESSABILITY REASONS:**

- Meet with your **AccessAbility consultant** and have them email Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca) detailing accommodations required.

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For missed **ASSIGNMENTS** due to **ACCESSABILITY REASONS**:

- If your desired accommodation is **within the scope** of your Accommodation Letter (ex. your letter includes “extensions of up to 7 days” and you need 1-7 more days), email the Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations form (uoft.me/PSY-MTW) to Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca), and attach a **copy of your letter**. Specify how many days extension you are requesting in your email.
- If your desired accommodation is **outside the scope** of your Accommodation Letter (ex. your letter includes “extensions of up to 7 days” but you need more time than that) you will need to meet with your **AccessAbility consultant** and have them email Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca) detailing the accommodations required.

For missed **ASSIGNMENTS** or **mTuner QUIZZES** or **TERM TESTS** in **OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES**:

Email the Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations form (<http://uoft.me/PSY-MTW>) form to Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca), along with:

- For the **death of a family member/friend**, provide a copy of the death certificate.
- For U of T varsity-level or professional **athletic commitments**, an email from your coach or varsity administrator should be sent directly to Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca) **well in advance** of the missed work, detailing the dates and nature of the commitment.
- For **religious accommodations**, please email Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca) **well in advance** of the missed work.
- For circumstances **outside of these guidelines**, please email Keely (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca) **on or before the date of the test / assignment deadline** to describe your circumstances and determine appropriate documentation.

Documents covering the following situations are NOT acceptable: medical prescriptions, personal travel, weddings, personal/work commitments.

As stated above, your documents must be submitted **within three (3) business days** of the deadline for the missed work.

After submitting your documentation:

Within approximately one to five business days, you will receive a response from your instructor detailing the accommodations to be made (if any).

You are responsible for checking your official U of T email and Quercus course announcements daily, as accommodations may be time-critical.

You should continue to work on your assignments to the best of your ability, as extension accommodations may be as short as one business day, depending on the nature of the illness/emergency.

If an accommodation has been granted but you are unable to meet the conditions of the accommodation (ex. you need a longer extension, or you missed a make-up test), you will need to repeat the missed term work procedure and submit additional forms to request further accommodation. Note that in the case of a missed make-up test, an opportunity to write a second make-up test may not be provided.

Completion of this form does NOT guarantee that accommodations will be made. The course instructor reserves the right to decide what accommodations (if any) will be made. Failure to adhere to any aspect of this policy may result in a denial of your request for accommodation.

Missed Accommodations

If an accommodation is granted but a continued illness/emergency prevents you from meeting the requirements of your accommodation, you must repeat the missed term work procedure to request additional accommodations.

(E.g.) If you miss a make-up midterm, you would need to submit another Request for Missed Term Work Accommodations form. If your original medical note / documentation included the date of the make-up midterm, then only the Request form is required. If the date of the make-up midterm fell outside of the dates indicated on your original medical note/other documentation, then a new medical note/other appropriate documentation must also be submitted.

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Importance of Three Business Day window:

If you are unable to submit your documents within the three business day window, **you must email Keely** (keely.hicks@utoronto.ca) **within the three business day window** to explain the nature of the delay, and when you will be able to provide your documents. Exceptions to the documentation deadline will only be made under exceptional circumstances.

NOTE: Assignments due at end of term

Instructors cannot accept term work any later than five business days after the last day of class. Beyond this date, you would need to file a petition with the Registrar's Office (<https://www.utoronto.ca/registrar/term-work>).

NOTE: Final Exams

This policy applies only to missed assignments and term tests. Missed final exams are handled by the Registrar's Office (<http://www.utoronto.ca/registrar/missing-examination>).

Technical Issues

If there is a system-wide issue with any of our course activities, we will post an announcement. For all other cases (i.e. the issue is on your end) we require the following:

- **Technical issues need be reported **BEFORE** an activity is due.**
 - Any problems reported after a deadline **will not** be accommodated.
- **You must **back up your written assignments** as you work on them.**
 - We do not accept the excuse that one of our systems failed to save your work. If there are any issues, we may ask you to provide your backed-up version of your work, so make sure you save it somewhere!
 - **Specifically, please use Google Docs to compose your written assignments**, and then copy the work into the appropriate system to submit it (peerScholar, Quercus, etc.) Google Docs will auto-save your work as you go, and will show timestamps of all changes made, so that you can prove you completed your work before the deadline.
- **Do not leave your assignments to the last minute:**
 - You will need time to report the issue if you encounter one.
 - Submit your assignments **at least an hour before they are due**, to avoid slow connections at the last minute, and double check that everything submitted properly.
- **If you are experiencing a technical issue:**
 - We recommend trying a try a different browser or a different computer/device. Restarting your machine may also help. If this does not work, you will need to report the issue to us.
- **To report a technical issue:**
 - Email the course account (psya02@utoronto.ca) **BEFORE** the assignment deadline with:
 - Your name and student number,
 - A brief description of the problem you are experiencing,
 - Your work (i.e. attach your essay / whatever you are trying to submit), and
 - Screen captures or video demonstrating the technical problem. The date and time on your computer must be visible.
 - Please check your email a few times day for a response from the Course Coordinator. You can expect a response within 1-2 business days.

Note: If you are experiencing an ongoing health issue that is affecting your ability to complete your schoolwork, you should consider visiting [AccessAbility Services](#) to explore your options.

Other Important Notes

Department of Psychology position on Grade Norms

The Department of Psychology at UTSC is committed to providing fair, consistent, and uniform delivery of its courses from year to year. As part of this commitment, the Department mandates that all A-level courses' final course averages fall between 65% and 68%. That ensures that PSYA02 is not graded harshly in one term and leniently in another term. **Typically**, the average for PSYA02 falls below 65%, and the instructor then **adds** points to everyone's mark. However, the opposite is also theoretically possible, where the course average falls above 68%, and points have to be subtracted. This has never happened before, but the course instructor reserves the right to modify marks across the board (for all students) to conform to these averages.

Grade Changes

Under **no circumstances** will the instructor of this course change a grade for an assignment, an exam, or for the course mark. There is **no circumstance** (not a health issue, or death in the family, or impending graduation prevented by failing this course) that is compelling enough for the instructor to do so. The **only changes** made to the course marks will be the ones provided to everyone, as detailed above in the section on Grade Norms. That is the only method that ensures fairness for everyone. **Again, there are no exceptions here.** Every semester Kyle has to tell students "no", even when they present compelling and often heart-wrenching excuses. Please do not put Kyle in the awkward position of telling you "no" when you ask for a grade change. It will absolutely, under no circumstances, ever happen. In all cases, marks will be adjusted for the entire class if necessary (see the section on "Grade Norms" above), but no individual changes can occur. You may, as always, petition the Registrar's Office if you believe that your mark has been calculated incorrectly.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship in a university, and to ensuring that a degree from the University of Toronto is a strong signal of each student's individual academic achievement. As a result, the University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. The University of Toronto's [Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters](#) outlines the behaviours that constitute academic dishonesty and the processes for addressing academic offences. Potential offences include, but are not limited to:

In papers and assignments:

- Using someone else's ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgement;
- Submitting your own work in more than one course without the permission of the instructor;
- Making up sources or facts;
- Obtaining or providing unauthorized assistance on any assignment.

On tests and exams:

- Using or possessing unauthorized aids;
- Looking at someone else's answers during an exam or test;
- Misrepresenting your identity; and
- Sharing the text of questions or answers with others inside or outside the course, including sharing that information with companies or institutions

In academic work:

- Falsifying institutional documents or grades;
- Falsifying or altering any documentation required by the University, including (but not limited to) doctor's notes; and
- When you knew or ought to have known you were doing so.

All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated following procedures outlined in the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters. If students have questions or concerns about what constitutes appropriate academic behaviour or appropriate research and citation methods, they are expected to seek out additional information on academic integrity from their instructors or from other institutional resources.

Students are highly encouraged to read the guide on [How Not to Plagiarize](#) and to take advantage of [writing resources](#) on campus. The keyword here is respect – a good educational context is one in which all parties respect one another's perspective and opinions.

Very important note about the mTuners and exams: every semester, a few students post answers to the mTuner and/or exam questions online using Facebook, Google Drive, or other services. **This is a contravention of the University's policy on academic integrity.** Every term that this occurs, we are made aware of the files by other students. If you are found to have published **or are a member in any group that has published** such answers, your case will be referred to the University's Academic Integrity Office, and sanctions may be applied to your grade. Similarly, if you attempt to complete mTuners using one email address and then attempt to complete the mTuner again using a different email address, your case will be referred to the University's Academic Integrity Office. Previous academic sanctions in this course have ranged from a reduction of an assignment grade, to a zero in entire course plus suspension from the University.

AccessAbility:

Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. In particular, if you have a disability/health consideration that may require accommodations, please feel free to approach me and/or the AccessAbility Services as soon as possible.

AccessAbility Services staff (located in Rm SW302, Science Wing) are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations 416-287-7560 or email ability@utsc.utoronto.ca. The sooner you let us know your needs the quicker we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.

Turnitin:

Normally, students will be required to submit their SONA alternative assignments to Turnitin.com for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site.