

**LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY**  
**Psych / Gero 3131 – Psychology & Aging**  
**Fall 2016**

Welcome to the course. Please read this course syllabus closely. Also, for the duration of the course, you should read all news and discussion postings made by me, the professor. My postings are to be considered required reading and the content of those postings might be asked about on an exam.

**THREE MODULES & THREE EXAMS**

The course is arranged into 3 Modules. Each module will require the completion of a multiple choice and short answer exam. The exams will not be cumulative. The correct answer for any exam question is that answer which is the “best” option as per the materials presented in the course. There are no required assignments in this course. Each module will consist of videos, readings, and the notes you take from lectures made by the professor. The modules will be released about one week before they are scheduled to start. You will be responsible (i.e. it may be covered on the exams) for all readings, lecture information, and videos that are presented with each module. All required materials for this course will be made available on the course website with each module.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

**MODULE 1**

September 6 – October 6, 2016

**Exam 1 (30%)**

October 6, 2016

Multiple choice and short answer exam completed in-class (Duration = 90 minutes)

**MODULE 2**

October 18 – November 10, 2016

**Exam 2 (35%)**

November 10, 2016

Multiple choice and short answer exam completed in-class (Duration = 90 minutes)

**MODULE 3**

November 15 – December 1, 2016

**Exam 3 – Final Exam (35%)**

Date TBD

Multiple choice and short answer exam completed as per university final exam scheduling (Duration = 90 minutes)

**IMPORTANT GUIDELINES**

## **1. QUESTIONS & CONTACTING THE PROFESSOR.**

For the purposes of this course, you can either email using the Desire 2 Learn email system or you can email [estpierr@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:estpierr@lakeheadu.ca) . Please do not phone me or email me to other addresses that you may find. I am not a full time Lakehead professor and hence I do not have an office or phone number at Lakehead University. I will not be scheduling regular office hours, but if a face to face meeting is required for some purpose then it will be arranged. If you have a quick question on any day feel free to approach me after class.

If you have a question about course content or how to use the course site, post it in the "General Questions & Discussion" forum. I will attempt to answer your question or another student might offer their assistance. If you have a question that you feel hesitant to post in the discussion forums, because it is of a personal nature, and not about course content, you may send it to me directly using the **in-course email (i.e. Desire 2 Learn email system)**.

## **2. CLASS ROOM BEHAVIOUR**

Students are expected to raise their hand and await the professor's acknowledgement before speaking. Please do not talk while anyone else is speaking. Arrive for class on time. Make every effort to remain in class for the duration. Repeated late arrivals, early departures, or other disturbances will result in a meeting with the professor.

## **3. TECHNICAL ISSUES.**

It is the responsibility of all students to learn how to use and navigate the "Desire 2 Learn" course website. If a student fails to complete a course requirement because they do not know how to use the Desire 2 Learn website no accommodation will be made. If a student is unsure how to use the site in any regard, or if the student is encountering technical difficulties with the site, it is the student's responsibility to rectify the situation or to contact CEDL technical support for assistance. Students are welcome to post their concerns in the "General Questions & Discussion" forum in the hopes that a fellow student can help them. I will not act as "technical support".

**4. THERE WILL BE NO REWEIGHTING OF ANY GRADES FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL STUDENT. THERE WILL BE NO EXTRA ASSIGNMENTS OFFERED FOR THE PURPOSES OF INCREASING GRADES. PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL THE PROFESSOR ASKING FOR SUCH CONCESSIONS.**

**5. THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO LATE EXAM SCHEDULING PERMITTED – A MISSED EXAM WILL RESULT IN A GRADE OF ZERO.**

**6. THERE WILL BE NO TOLERANCE FOR DISCUSSION POSTINGS OR EMAILS WITH CONTENT THAT IS DEEMED TO BE DELIBERATELY HURTFUL OR INCITES HATE OR AGGRESSION.**

## **7. ACCOMMODATIONS.**

Lakehead University is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. If you think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and register as early as possible.

For more information, please visit <http://studentaccessibility.lakeheadu.ca>

## ABOUT THE PROFESSOR

### **Dr. E.S. St-Pierre**

I am an adjunct professor in the psychology department at Lakehead University and a Clinical Psychologist working in private practice and for the St. Joseph's Care Group in Thunder Bay. I am a scientist-practitioner with experience in forensic and correctional settings as well as long-term psychiatric rehabilitation. My present role is psychologist for St. Joseph's Care Groups Integrated Seniors Programs. My duties involve the cognitive, personality, and mental health assessment of older adults as well as individual and group therapy with older adults. My clients face the full spectrum of mental disorders. I teach various courses at Lakehead University and I have conducted research in the areas of evolutionary psychology, personality, interpersonal communication, and gerontology.