



# Course Outline

Social Work Diploma

Fall 2020

## **SOWK 130, Mental Health and Addictions**

*3 credits, 3 hours per week*

### Course Description

This course will examine current addictions and mental health theories, the relationship between mental disorders and addictions and the role of the social worker in these areas of practice. The learner will also explore the impacts addictions and mental health disorders have on individuals, families and communities.

*Prerequisites and/or co-requisites"*

N/A

### **Instructor**

Instructor Name: Alexis Laird

Office location: CC205K

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### **Office Hours**

TBD

### **Hours of Instruction**

Thursdays 1:00 PM -3:50 PM

Synchronous online delivery

### **Required Resources**

Davis, S., (2014). *Community Mental Health in Canada: Revised and Expanded Edition: Theory, Policy, Practice*. Vancouver: UBC Press.

Csiernik, R., (2016) *Substance Use and Abuse* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Toronto, Ontario: Canadian Scholars' Pre.

**Course Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of the course, the student shall be able to:

- Understand the nature of addictions and mental health disorders; origins, theories, and characteristics of addictions.
- Understand the biology of addictions and mental health disorders; substance misuse, dependence, classification of mental disorders.
- Understand the relationship between addictions and mental health disorders; dual diagnosis / concurrent disorders.
- Understand the social aspects of addictions and mental health; Family risks and resiliencies.
- Examine personal values about addiction and mental health.
- Understand the helping strategies for the treatment of addictions and mental health disorders from a biological, behavioral and societal perspective.
- Understand the issues of addictions and mental health disorders among specific populations.

**Evaluation**

Language Matters Project	40%
(Explanation Paper and Presentation)	
Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%

*A grade of C- is required for progression or transfer.*

**1. Midterm Exam**

Additions Chapters 1-7, and any other additional materials covered.

Students will receive further information in class. **Date: October 1, 2020 (30%)**

**2. Explanation Paper (Language Matters Project)**

Each group will submit an explanation paper that introduces the instructor to the group's project ideas and delivery plans. The paper must provide sufficient information for the instructor to have a clear understanding of what the group plans to focus their anti-stigma Language Matters project on and how their 45-minute presentation will be developed and delivered. Additionally, the paper needs to indicate the role of each group member from the beginning to end of the project. It is expected that this explanation paper will show a well thought out and analyzed 'road map' of the actual project that is to be delivered in class on November 5 or 19, 2020.

Students will receive further information in class. **Due Date: October 15, 2020 (15%)**

**3. Presentation (Language Matters Project)**

**Includes a 45 minute presentation per group. November 5, 2020, 3 in-class (virtual) project deliveries and November 19, 2020, 3 in-class (virtual) project deliveries. Attendance is mandatory.** Groups will be assigned by the instructor and provided with their presentation date.

Please see grading rubric for details on how the project will be graded however, key areas to consider are: creativity, evidence of group unity and good group work (including group problem solving), evidence of fairness in group member role distribution, quality, quantity, relevance and significance of information collected and relayed to the class, and quality of the presentation.

Students will receive further information in class. **Due Date: November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (25%)**

**4. Final Exam**

Covering Mental Health Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 14, 16, and 18, and any other additional materials covered.

**Students will receive further information in class. Date: TBA (Exam Period – December 7<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>) (30%)**

*A grade of C- is required for progression.*

*The minimum standard for passing this course is a grade of D (50%).*

*Students must achieve an average of 50% on the midterm and the final exam in order to pass the course and an overall average in the course of 50% (D).*

## Grading System

Descriptor	Alpha Grade	4.0 Scale	Percent
	A+	4.0	> 93.9
Excellent	A	4.0	87 – 93.9
	A-	3.7	80 – 86.9
Good	B+	3.3	77 – 79.9
	B	3.0	74 – 76.9
	B-	2.7	70 – 73.9
Satisfactory <b>Progression</b>	C+	2.3	67 – 69.9
	C	2.0	64 – 66.9
	C-	1.7	60 – 63.9
Poor	D+	1.3	57 – 59.9
Min Pass	D	1.0	50 – 56.9
Failure	F	0.0	< 50

## Proposed Schedule

**Please Note:**

Date and time allotted to each topic is subject to change.

Week	Activity
Sept 3	Review of course outline and introduction to the course and textbooks. Addictions <b>Chapter 1 and 2</b>
Sept 10	Addictions <b>Chapter 3 and 4</b>
Sept 17	Addictions <b>Chapter 4 and 5</b>
Sept 24	Addictions <b>Chapter 6 and 7</b>
Oct 1	<b>Midterm exam 30%</b>
Oct 8	Mental Health <b>Chapter 1, 2, 3</b>
Oct 15	Mental Health <b>Chapter 4, 6 and 7. Explanation paper due today regarding the large group anti-stigma project “Language Matters” – 15%</b>
Oct 22	Mental Health <b>Chapter 11</b>
Oct 29	Mental Health <b>Chapter 14 and 16</b>
Nov 5	<b>Large group anti-stigma project “Language Matters” 45 minutes per group X 3 groups– 25%</b>
Nov 12 (No Class)	<b>Reading Week-No Class</b>
Nov 19	<b>Large group anti-stigma project “Language Matters” 45 minutes per group X 3 groups– 25%</b>
Nov 26	Mental Health <b>Chapter 18</b>
Dec 10- 18 (Final Exam Period)	<b>Final Exam 30% Covering Mental Health Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 14, 16, 18.</b>

## Performance Requirements

### Student Responsibilities

It is your responsibility as a student to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the forms for Withdrawal or Change of Registration, and any other forms. Please refer to the list of important dates as noted in the Academic Schedule in the Keyano College credit calendar. The Keyano College credit calendar also has information about Student Rights and Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies.

### Student Attendance

Class attendance is useful for two reasons. First, class attendance maximizes a student's learning experience. Second, attending class is a good way to keep informed of matters relating to the administration of the course (e.g., the timing of assignments and exams). Ultimately, you are responsible for your own learning and performance in this course.

It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for all classes. Students who miss classes are responsible for the material covered in those classes and for ensuring that they are prepared for the next class, including the completion of any assignments and notes that may be due.

### Academic Misconduct

Students are considered to be responsible adults and should adhere to principles of intellectual integrity. Intellectual dishonesty may take many forms, such as:

- Plagiarism or the submission of another person's work as one's own;
- The use of unauthorized aids in assignments or examinations (cheating);
- Collusion or the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing work;
- The deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications;
- The willful distortion of results or data;
- Substitution in an examination by another person;
- Handing in the same unchanged work as submitted for another assignment; and
- Breach of confidentiality.

The consequences for academic misconduct range from a verbal reprimand to expulsion from the College. More specific descriptions and details are found in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies.

In order to ensure your understanding of the concept of plagiarism, you must successfully complete the online tutorial found on [ilearn.keyano.ca](http://ilearn.keyano.ca). Then print the certificate, sign it, and show it to each of your instructors. Your course work may not be graded until you show this signed certificate.

### Specialized Supports

The Student Services department is committed to Keyano students and their academic success. There are a variety of student supports available at Keyano College. Due to the continuing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, the offered support services will be implemented differently this semester by being provided mostly virtually. In-person service can be requested as needed. All Alberta Health Services guidelines will be followed for in-person appointments—wear a mask, maintain two meters of physical distance, use hand sanitizer, and stay home if you are unwell.

All student services are available during Keyano business hours: Monday to Friday, 8h30-16h30. The Library has evening and weekend hours. Please check [keyano.ca/library](http://keyano.ca/library) for current hours.

**Accessibility Services:** provides accommodations for students with disabilities. Students with documented disabilities, or who suspect a disability, can meet with a Learning Strategist to discuss



their current learning barriers and possible accommodations. Students who have accessed accommodations in the past are encouraged to contact us to request them for the semester. Please note that requesting accommodations is a process and requires time to arrange. Contact us as soon as you know you may require accommodations. For accessibility services supports and to book a virtual appointment, please contact [accessibility.services@keyano.ca](mailto:accessibility.services@keyano.ca).

Accessibility Services also provides individual and group learning strategy instruction for all students, as well as technology training and supports to enhance learning. Meet with a Learning Strategist to learn studying and test-taking strategies for online classes. Schedule an appointment with the Assistive Technology Specialist to explore technology tools for learning. Book an appointment today by emailing [accessibility.services@keyano.ca](mailto:accessibility.services@keyano.ca)

**Academic Success Coaching:** offers you support and access to resources for your academic success to help you to find the Keys to your Success. The Academic Success Coach will work with you to develop an academic success plan, develop your study and time management skills, and connect you with the right resources here at Keyano. [Academic.success@keyano.ca](mailto:Academic.success@keyano.ca) is the best way to access resources during virtual service delivery.

**Wellness Services:** offers a caring, inclusive, and respectful environment where students can access free group and individual support to meet academic and life challenges. Mental Health Coordinators offer a safe and confidential environment to seek help with personal concerns. All individual appointments will continue virtually.

Wellness Services welcomes students to participate in any of the virtual group sessions offered throughout the academic year addressing topics including mindfulness and test anxiety.

Individual virtual appointments can be made by emailing [wellness.services@keyano.ca](mailto:wellness.services@keyano.ca).

**Library Services:** provides students with research and information supports as they engage in their studies. Library staff are available to support you both virtually and in person during the fall semester. For library service supports and inquiries, please email [askthelibrary@keyano.ca](mailto:askthelibrary@keyano.ca).

Individual support with the Information Librarian will be provided virtually. Appointments can be requested by email or by placing a [Book a Librarian](#) request using the online form found [here](#).

Research and Subject Guides are helpful resources when conducting research or addressing your information needs. To view a subject or course specific guide, use the following [Subject Guides link](#)

To access additional research resources, including Citation Guides (APA, MLA, Chicago, or IEEE), go to the [Research Help Library page](#).

**Skill Centre:** provides academic support services to students registered in credit programs at Keyano College in the form of tutoring, writing support groups, facilitated study groups, workshops and study space. Tutoring services are **free** to Keyano students. Tutoring is available for Math, Writing, English, and Science subject areas.

While most courses are being offered online, the Skill Center will be offering mostly virtual tutoring services and in-person sessions as requested. Please email [Skill.centre@keyano.ca](mailto:Skill.centre@keyano.ca) to get in contact with our tutoring staff.

For the most up to date information on how to book a tutoring session, please view the [Keyano Skill Centre homepage](#).

**E-Learning**

Technology and internet will impact your online learning experience. It's important that you are able to watch an online video and other course materials, take online quizzes, and participant in a live class with your instructor and other students.

Keyano College operates in a Windows based environment and having the correct tools for online learning is important. Here's a list of recommended system requirements for Fall 2020.

**Internet Speed**

Minimum Internet speeds of 5 Mbps.

Recommended Internet speeds of 25 Mbps (especially if you are sharing your internet at home).

Check your internet speed with Fast.com.

**System requirements:**

Microsoft Windows	Apple
<p><b>Minimum Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· A Windows 10 <b>computer/laptop</b></li> <li>· Minimum 4GB of RAM.</li> <li>· 10GB+ available hard drive storage.</li> <li>· Enough available hard drive space to install the Microsoft Office suite (approximately 3GB). <u>Microsoft Office</u> software is free to all Keyano students and employees.</li> <li>· Microphone, webcam and speakers. A headset with a microphone is recommended.</li> <li>· System updates must be regularly installed.</li> <li>· Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware software</li> </ul>	<p><b>Minimum Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· A Macintosh (V10.14 and above) <b>computer/laptop</b></li> <li>· Minimum 4GB of RAM.</li> <li>· 10GB+ available hard drive storage.</li> <li>· Enough available hard drive space to install the Microsoft Office suite (approximately 3GB). <u>Microsoft Office</u> software is free to all Keyano students and employees.</li> <li>· Microphone, webcam and speakers. A headset with a microphone is recommended.</li> <li>· System updates must be regularly installed.</li> <li>· Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware software.</li> </ul>
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<p>Chromebooks are <b>not</b> recommended as they are not compatible with testing lockdown browsers.</p> <p>A Microsoft Surface or iPad or iPad Pro may be possible alternatives in some program areas.</p>	

**Specific department requirements:**

Business and OA programs require Windows 10.

Other programs may utilize Windows based tools as well.

**Computer Software**

Students will be able to get access to Microsoft Office 365 for Free using Keyano Credentials by [clicking here](#).

**Recording of lectures and Intellectual Property**

Students may only record a lecture if explicit permission is provided by the instructor or by Accessibility Services. Even if students have permission to record a lecture or lecture materials, students may not publish any of the lectures or lecture materials, this includes any recordings, slides, instructor notes, etc. on any platform. Thus no student is allowed to publish or sell instructor notes without formal written permission. It is important to recognize that the Canadian Copyright Act contains provisions for intellectual property.

**ITS Helpdesk**

If you are having issues with your student account, you can contact the ITS Helpdesk by emailing [its.helpdesk@keyano.ca](mailto:its.helpdesk@keyano.ca) or calling 780-791-4965.



**Authorization**

This course outline has been reviewed and approved by the Program Chair.

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