Course Outline: *KIN 453*

Course Title: Understanding and Changing Physical Activity Behaviour

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**Course Timetable**  
Class Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 2 pm to 3.30 pm. Location: Aquatic Ecosystems Research Laboratory (AERL) - 120. 2202 Main Mall.

**Description:** The links between physical inactivity and public health are well documented. This module is designed to give students an opportunity for advanced analysis of the field of exercise psychology. The module aims to develop a critical understanding of how physical activity is assessed, and what are the determinants of physical activity. Using various theoretical frameworks the influence of psychological factors will be examined, across different settings and populations, with a particular focus on interventions aimed at enhancing mental health. The module also aims to develop understanding of how psychology can be used to design effective interventions at the individual and community level. This course will provide a foundation in exercise psychology for graduate study.

**Subject-specific outcomes:**  
1. Develop an understanding of ecological frameworks used to assess, design and evaluate health promotion interventions.

2. Development of practical skills in formulating, applying, and evaluating psychological theory-based interventions to promote physical activity.

**Core-academic outcomes:**  
3. Ability to critically evaluate the processes of designing and evaluating physical activity interventions in the context of public health policy.

4. Ability to evaluate and apply knowledge of a range of different theoretical perspectives and concepts relating to interventions to promote physical activity.
Personal/transferable outcomes:
5. Work in small groups to solve problems
6. Demonstrate an ability to link theory to practice.

Teaching/Learning Methods:
Lectures/Group Work/Independent Study. The lectures will provide students with an overview of the core topics in this course. Lectures are used to present an overview of key information and will include interactive group activities where students can practice applying theory to practical situations. Independent study will be required in terms of reading in preparation for each lecture and completing course assignments. For these experiences students will be set a task to guide their independent learning, such as a topic or problem related to set reading or lecture material. A group project will also provide the opportunity for more in-depth investigation of key issues drawn from the lectures. Skills such as criticizing, analysis, problem solving and decision making are developed.

You will be working throughout the course in a group of 5 students. You can form your own groups or I will assign you to a group on September 16th. You will meet independently every two weeks to review articles as part of the reading scheme, and will also be working together on the group project. As a group you will be responsible for coordinating meetings and completing group tasks. It is expected that you will be available to meet with your group at the very least between 2 and 3.30 on Thursdays. That is, there is no excuse for not being able to find a time that everyone in your group can meet.

Assessment Timetable:

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<td>1. 5 * Reading synopses</td>
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<td>2. Group Task: Develop an exercise intervention for youth seeking help for depression</td>
<td>55%</td>
<td>Draft outline (10% - November 3rd)</td>
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<td>Final assignment (45% - December 8th)</td>
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<td>3. Examination a) Abstract</td>
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Assessments
1. Reading synopsis (20%)
This will include five one-page (300 word) synopses of current research articles plus critical commentary. Marks are given for successful completion within the established guidelines (2% for each synopsis and 2% for completion of group summary to be posted on canvas). This assessment task will enable students to evaluate differing views based on required reading and information from a variety of sources, and to disseminate and critically appraise research evidence.
2. Group Project (55%)
A problem-based learning exercise will provide an opportunity to collaborate on a project. The objective of this assignment is to integrate components of the course in terms of physical activity assessment, applying theory to practice, and planning and evaluation of interventions. The class has been asked to develop an exercise intervention for adolescents with depression. The general outline for the final assignment should be:

- Synthesis of evidence for exercise as a treatment for depression for youth
- Rationale for the intervention (including theoretical basis and logic model); and a cool acronym.
- A description of the intervention including discussion of
  - Content – what is the intervention aiming to deliver, and how?
  - Delivery method
  - Delivered – who will deliver the intervention?
- Methods for evaluating the key outcomes, behaviours, and mediators of behavior change
- Outline of assessment of intervention implementation.

Draft outline including a logic model and addressing the above in bullet point required November 3rd (10%). A final group paper will be produced (maximum of 3000 words excluding references/appendices). During weeks 12-13, each group(s) will provide a brief oral presentation of the intervention via zoom to the instructor or a teaching assistant.

Opportunities will be provided weekly on Thursdays to discuss the project while course content and readings will be geared to support its development. The group will be responsible for identifying roles and responsibilities of each group member.

The final assessment includes two components. First, 80% of the final grade is based on the final report. Everyone shares the same grade based on the report assessment. The final 20% will consist of 10% based on self-assessment of personal contribution to the group project, and 10% based on average peer assessment. The self and peer assessment form are in Appendix 1.

3. Final exam – article synopsis (25%)
The final examination will be scheduled during the exam period and is worth 25% of the final grade. The exam will require you to write two 300 word abstracts of two short articles and identify four concerns with each presented article. A portion of the course structure consists of a student directed learning component requiring students to organise their own learning enabling them to address this section. Specifically, the synopsis tasks prepare you for this section of the examination.

The final exam will be held during the official examination period and will be 2 hours long. IT WILL BE A WRITTEN EXAM. Alternative exam dates will only be provided for students experiencing medical or serious family emergencies (and only where medical documentation is provided). Do not book flights or make travel arrangements for the holiday period until you know your exam schedule! All students must attend the final exam on the date allotted. This date is not negotiable and failure to show up at this time will result in a zero.
Required and Recommended Reading
There is no course textbook. All readings are available via the UBC library online. There is a range of core readings supporting each session - Students are expected to study the readings each week. Further independent reading will be required as directed by the reading group scheme and the intervention assignment. Support will be available throughout the course in terms of group work, and appointments can also be booked on an individual basis.

Recommended Text if interested in grad school as well as this course

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| • Course Outline and Introduction  
  • Intro to reading group scheme  
  • Intro to group project  
  • An ecological approach  
  *Core reading: Sallis et al (2006)* |
| September 12  |
| • PA assessment 1 |
| September 14  |
| • PA assessment 2 |
| *Core reading: Bauman et al. (2006)* |

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| • Exercise as a treatment for depression: Making the case  
  *Core reading: Oberste et al. (2020)* |
| September 21  |
| *Reading Group 1: PA and depression* |

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| September 26 – VIRTUAL CANVAS  
  • Intervention Development 101  
  • Mediating Variables and Physical Activity Theory/Interventions  
  *Core reading: Biddle et al., 2021* |
| September 28  |
| • Q & A on intervention development material  
  • Group project planning  
  • Current work in the POP-PA Lab |
| October 3  |
| • Theory Recap 1  
  *Core reading: Rhodes et al. (2019)* |
<p>| October 5  |
| <em>Reading Group 2: Barriers to PA</em> |</p>
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*Core reading: Madison et al. (2021)*

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*Core reading: Olander et al (2013)*

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<td>An introduction to motivational interviewing</td>
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*Core reading: Tuccero et al. (2016); Fornier et al., (2020)*

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<td>Nov 7 – VIRTUAL CANVAS</td>
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<td>• Considering group dynamics</td>
<td>• Behavioral economics: Can we pay people to exercise?</td>
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*Core reading: Beauchamp et al. (2015)*

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*Core reading: Estabrooks & Gyrscik (2003)*

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<td>• Course summary/Exam prep</td>
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Core Readings

Week 1

Week 2

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Week 4

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Week 6
Madison R Hickingbotham and others, Barriers and facilitators to physical education, sport, and physical activity program participation among children and adolescents with psychiatric disorders: a systematic review, Translational Behavioral Medicine, Volume 11, Issue 9, September 2021, Pages 1739–1750, https://doi.org/10.1093/tbm/ibab085

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University Policies
UBC provides resources to support student learning and to maintain healthy lifestyles but recognizes that sometimes crises arise and so there are additional resources to access including those for survivors of sexual violence. UBC values respect for the person and ideas of all members of the academic community. Harassment and discrimination are not tolerated nor is suppression of academic freedom. UBC provides appropriate accommodation for students with disabilities and for religious observances. UBC values academic honesty and students are expected to acknowledge the ideas generated by others and to uphold the highest academic standards in all of their actions. Details of the policies and how to access support are available on the UBC Senate website.

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Please feel welcome to e-mail me your name and pronoun and how you would like these to be used.

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Students are responsible for submitting original work and accurately citing (referencing) the work of others within assignments. All submitted assignments become the property of the University of British Columbia and electronic copies of submitted assignments will be stored and used to check against future, present, or past cases of academic misconduct. For group projects, all contributors have joint ownership of the work, and therefore intellectual property rights. Along with joint ownership comes joint responsibility. If group work contains material which has been plagiarised all members of the group will be deemed responsible and will be liable for the same penalty.

**Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

This section on AI is adapted from samples provided by UBC’s Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology. Recently ChatGPT and related AI have become widely available, making it easy to generate text-based answers to pretty much any question. The quality of those answers varies considerably, depending on many factors. There are notable risks involved in allowing the use of AI tools in your assignments. Please carefully consider these:

First, it is important to note that AI tools are susceptible to errors and may incorporate discriminatory ideas in their output. Citations are often made up or used incorrectly – these errors are still relatively easy to identify. As a student, it is your responsibility to ensure the quality and appropriateness of the work you submit in this course. Second, there is a risk of inadvertently plagiarizing when using these tools. Many AI chatbots and image generators create content based on existing bodies of work without proper citation. UBC’s plagiarism policy will apply to all assignment submissions, and “AI did it!” will not excuse any plagiarism. Third, be aware of the dangers of becoming overly dependent on these tools. While they can be incredibly useful, relying on them too much can diminish your own critical thinking and writing skills – for this course at least, this will likely be reflected in your final written exam.

If you use ChatGPT (or a similar tool) to get ideas and/or to generate any text for a draft or final version of any part of an assignment, you must declare that you have used it, with a couple of sentences describing the extent to which it was used, and you must save any generated text from this tool in case it is requested. You will not be penalized for using this tool, but a TA or myself may ask you to provide the generated text in order to help with grading decisions. In this case, your (or your group’s) original contributions will be evaluated. Failure to fully declare the use of this tool will be considered “unauthorized” and be deemed plagiarism.

**Policy on text-matching software**

UBC subscribes to Turnitin, an online system that compares written material with the Web and with other material submitted to its database. Faculty, staff and students can upload submissions and check for duplication of material in other sources and possible plagiarism.

**Please note the following dates:**

Term Dates: Tuesday September 5th to December 7th, 2023
Learning Analytics
Learning analytics includes the collection and analysis of data about learners to improve teaching and learning. This course will be using the following learning technologies: Canvas. Many of these tools capture data about your activity and provide information that can be used to improve the quality of teaching and learning. In this course, I plan to use analytics data to:

- View overall class progress
- Review statistics on course content being accessed to support improvements in the course

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The University's goal is to ensure fair and consistent treatment of all students, including students with a disability, in accordance with their distinct needs and in a manner consistent with academic principles. Students with a disability who wish to have an academic accommodation should contact Access and Diversity without delay.

Course Review
We are continually trying to improve our teaching, and student opinion is an important factor which influences this. At the end of the course every student should fill in a questionnaire. This involves a set of predetermined questions to grade all aspects of the course, as well as the opportunity to add any written comments. Make sure you do this if you want your opinion to be considered.
READING SCHEME STUDY GUIDE

What I must do?

Every two weeks, I must read ONE article and write a ONE page synopsis.

What’s in it for me?

Working in a reading group . . . .

• Will allow me to cover a larger range of material
• Will give me the opportunity to critically examine research with my colleagues
• Will give me a one page synopsis of five articles every two weeks which will help me prepare for the exam

SETTING UP

1) Form into groups of 5. Give yourself a name and elect a team leader. The team leader must email me (guy.faulkner@ubc.ca) with the names of those in the group and a group name before September 16th. Groups will be confirmed on this date based on numbers enrolled in the course.

2) A week before the designated sessions are due to meet in class time you will meet as a group to coordinate which reading each person will do (other than the identified core reading) from the list of five articles in each topic. Each person then conducts a critical reading of their chosen article and writes a 1-page synopsis. The articles are available through the electronic collections of the library.

3) This synopsis, with your name on it, and the name of your group, must be posted on canvas the day before the identified class period (for example, you must post your first synopsis on September 20th) and your group response to set questions the day after (September 22nd in the first example). This will allow for monitoring. Additionally, you will be able to access the synopses of your colleagues. Failure to post a completed synopsis when required will result in a 2% reduction from your final grade. Further information will be provided in class about this process.

4) Your group will meet in class to review the synopses and answer set questions. You will share with your group your key interpretations of each reading and discuss any issues that were raised.

5) Focus questions will be provided that you must answer as a group based on the readings. The Thursday sessions will provide further opportunities for discussion of the focus questions, and potential implications for the group project.

Writing a Synopsis

It is difficult to lay down any specific structure to help you develop your notes or a 1-page/300 word synopsis of each paper you read. If you have a personal preference already, stick with that, otherwise, consider some of the following ideas. First, to work as a group, each person must develop a synopsis that is of the quality you would
personally want to receive from your colleagues, and that would personally help you in the exam. As such, you need to:

WRITE YOUR NAME and GROUP NAME

Clearly identify the author (date) and all publishing details as used in the course outline

1. Introduction (why?)
   a) what are the authors trying to settle, prove or demolish? What are they asking?
   b) How did this issue come up?
   c) Why bother in the first place – SO WHAT?

2. Methods (how?)
   a) what was assessed
   b) how did they do this?

3. Results (what?)
   a) briefly summarise key results

4. Discussion (general)
   a) what is discussed? (what theoretical and/or applied implications are derived, what limitations are noted, what recommendations are made for future research?)

FINALLY:
Separate from your synopsis, try to identify and list a few criticisms you may have of the research undertaken. What might have you done differently?

FEEDBACK SUGGESTION:
Don’t read the abstract at first! Write your synopsis and compare it with the original abstract of the paper. Your synopsis will be slightly different in that the focus is on being critical of the paper but the original abstract will give you feedback as to whether you are picking up the important elements of the study. This will help prepare you for the exam.
TOPICS AND READINGS

Topic 1 – Physical and Depression – Setting the Scene


Topic 2 – Preferences and Barriers to exercise


environmental research and public health, 18(10), 5427. https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18105427

**Topic 3 – Exercise Interventions 1**


**Topic 4 – Exercise Interventions 2**


**Topic 5 – Mechanisms**


Appendix 1: Self and Peer Assessment Form

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Rated on a scale: 4: did this very well; 3: did this adequately; 2: did this less than adequately; 1: did this poorly