

## PSY 335: Concept Integration Paper

**Due: Tuesday November 25 on paper, in person, start of class**

(Note: A 1% bonus mark will be added to your paper if you hand it on Tues. Nov. 20 start of class)

This paper consists of writing an *academic paper* on how a *non-academic* work or works outside of the domain of psychology exemplifies a few of the concepts covered in class. (Examples of a non-academic work outside the domain of psychology include: classic literature, novels/fiction, popular movies, TV series, graphic novels. Note that documentaries and 'self-help' books are NOT suitable to base this paper on.) This assignment will help you to develop, integrate, and apply your knowledge of the science of wellbeing (positive psychology) as presented in class. It is also meant to help you develop an attitude of consilience towards learning, that is, "the linking together of principles from different disciplines especially when forming a comprehensive theory". Essentially, this assignment assesses how well you can see these academic constructs and concepts at play in the world. It is strongly suggested that students consult with the professor on their choice of non-academic work to base this paper on.

### CRITERIA:

- between 8 to 11 pages double spaced (font and size as per below) not including cover page and references
- formal academic writing style
  - check Moodle for tips and hints
  - check your paper over – refer to "H!A!'s Common Writing Mistakes"
- your non-academic work(s) must be cited and referenced as per APA 7<sup>th</sup>
- minimum of ten (10) journal articles cited:
  - peer-reviewed
  - published in non-predatory journals
  - published from 2015 onwards
  - original research, reviews, meta-analyses, mega-analyses are all fine
    - note: You can cite books chapters and older works (and likely will need to), but these are in addition to the minimum 10 recent (2015 onwards) journal articles described above

### FORMATTING:

- includes a cover sheet – in the following order list:
  - your full name
  - CUE student ID
  - course name and number (i.e., PSY335A)
  - title of paper
- paper starts on second page – starts on a separate page, not the back of the cover sheet
- formatting:
  - double spaced
  - 1" margins
  - Times New Roman or another serif font, 12 pt font
  - page numbers in footer (i.e., 1 / 8)
  - no extra spaces between paragraphs
  - first line of paragraph indented
  - section headings are used as appropriate and formatted APA 7<sup>th</sup> formatting for levels
- APA 7<sup>th</sup> formatting for citations in the paper and the references page
  - check Moodle for help with APA formatting

## Grading Criteria

ITEM	points deducted
.25% deducted for each formatting error as per criteria for cover sheet and paper	
5% deducted if criteria not met for minimum of 10 academic articles published in peer-reviewed non-predatory journals published from 2015 onwards	
2% deducted if criteria not met for length of body of paper (8-11 pages not including cover page and reference list)	
.25% deducted for each APA formatting error up to a maximum of 5% (3 'free' errors permitted; repeated penalty will not be given for the the same error if made <i>consistently</i> throughout the paper)	
<b>Total Marks DEDUCTED:</b>	

ITEM	WORTH	letter grade*	points earned
Language, Style, Flow, Organization, Clarity: writing overall—spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, grammar, word choices, coherent flow of ideas, clarity of writing	30%		
For each section, marks are for clarity, comprehensiveness, and accuracy			
Depth of concept integration and development	35%		
Accuracy, appropriateness, and thoroughness of scientific research cited in support of your observations.	35%		
<b>points EARNED</b>			
<b>percentage and letter grade:</b>			
<b>marks deducted from above</b>			
<b>PAPER GRADE PERCENTAGE:</b>			
<b>PAPER GRADE LETTER:</b>			
<b>(bonus mark added for early submission)</b>			

Paper will be handed back at the final with markups on it. But your grade will be given to you with comments before the final.

\*letter grade points for this paper: A+ = 8 | A = 7 | A- = 6 | B+ = 5 | B = 4 | B- = 3 | C+ = 2 | C = 1

\*\* (as per Psychology Dept grading policy)

