

Columbia College

Observation and Techniques in Behavior Management (EAPR113)

Lecture 1

Course Outline

Semester Dates: July 30, 2018 - September 01, 2018

Please note that when a holiday falls during the week, your class will be rescheduled for the Friday of that week. Students are required to make arrangements to be present at the rescheduled class.

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Class Time: 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm (Tue.); 8:30 am – 12:30 pm (Sat.)

Room: 805-109

Credit: 3

Prerequisite: None

Note: It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in the Course Outline and to clarify any areas of concern with the facilitator.

Course Description:

This course is designed to help students in understanding individuals with behavioral and/or emotional differences. Emphasis is on a systematic approach in order to observe, to explain, predict and improve the well-being of the individuals you will be working with. You will come to understand and use Applied Behaviour Analysis Procedure to help students to understand and manage their behavior.

Learning Outcomes:

As a result of active participation in these sessions, a student can expect to:

- Explain and utilize applied behavioural analysis theory.
- Understand the difference between objective and subjective goals and observations.
- Be able to identify and explain applied behavioural analysis in practice.
- Understand the difference between objective and subjective goals while applying observation theories.
- Be able to write behavioural objectives as intended outcomes.
- Select, explain, and follow through on systems of data collection as ongoing measurements of behavior.
- Demonstrate proper observation skills.
- Demonstrate the proper writing of different types of observation reports.
- Understand and utilize a behavioural support plan.
- Identify the components of a behavioural objective.
- Understand the concepts of stimulus control and shaping to teach students academic and social behaviours.
- Understand and demonstrate consequence techniques that increase and decrease a desired behavioural outcome.
- Use a step by step approach to aid your future students in behavioural self-management.
- Gain appropriate skills in working in a team, and in a positive and proactive manner.

Course Format:

This course uses a variety of teaching/learning methods including discussion, personal reflection, experiential exercises, student presentations, role-plays, group activities and especially case studies. Our faculty aims to create a learning environment where the learner is actively engaged in inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving. The classroom provides you with a place where you can learn with and from others in a cooperative and collaborative manner.

You are expected to take a very active part in class discussions and take responsibility for your own learning. Be a positive and co-operative team member. Columbia College uses a facilitation model of instruction where the facilitator's role is to facilitate your learning. The expectation is that you will come to class prepared with pre-class homework completed. Your facilitator will engage you in activities that are based on your completed homework and readings. Your enthusiastic and positive approach in the classroom will create an atmosphere that will help every student develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that are needed for success.

How you conduct yourself in our classes will, to a large extent, mirror your conduct in society and your future work site. For example, if you have a tendency to ask questions, challenge the ideas of others in a respectful manner, draw out the best from your colleagues, and encourage both group development and task accomplishment in this class, it is likely you will do the same at work. A high level of student involvement and developing professionalism is expected in the classroom as you work towards your goal.

Required Textbooks and Equipment:

Alberta, P. & Troutman, A. (2016). *Applied Behaviour Analysis for Teachers (9th ed)*. Boston, ON: Pearson.

Recommended Readings and Resources:

Students may access this source from the College and from home.

GALE InfoTrac Custom Journals

- <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/calq145?db=SP00>
Password: cclibrary09

Students may also consider using Google Scholar.

Further Recommended Readings and Resources:

Homework Assignment Due for the First Class:

1. Read this course outline and be prepared to discuss in class.
2. Read Chapter 1 from the required course textbook.
3. As part of your reading assignment, write down at least three (3) questions that you would find beneficial to discuss in class.
4. Prepare for a test on the assigned readings.

Evaluation - Assessment of Student Performance:

The final grade in the course will be based on the following elements. Wherever possible facilitators will use rubrics to assess your performance and offer feedback.

| Title of Assignment/Examination | Due Date | Weight |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Daily Tests | (Classes 1 – 9) | 20% |
| Assignment A | Class 5 | 20% |
| Assignment B | Class 8 | 20% |
| Final Exam | Class 10 | 40% |

Please note that unless otherwise stated, all homework and assignments are due at the beginning of each class.

Grading:

Grades for each component will be added together at the end of the semester. The final total will be translated to the Columbia College's 4.0 grading scale as follows:

Marking and Grading Conversion:

| Description | Letter Grade | Grade Points | Percentage Scale | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|----|
| Excellent | A+ | 4.0 | 100 | 95 |
| | A | 4.0 | 94 | 90 |
| | A- | 3.7 | 89 | 85 |
| Good | B+ | 3.3 | 84 | 80 |
| | B | 3.0 | 79 | 75 |
| | B- | 2.7 | 74 | 70 |
| Satisfactory | C+ | 2.3 | 69 | 65 |
| | C | 2.0 | 64 | 60 |
| | C- | 1.7 | 59 | 55 |
| Poor | D | 1.0 | 54 | 50 |
| Failure | F | 0.0 | 49 | 0 |

Please note that to pass this course you must complete all of the assignments, and earn at least a "D" (a minimal pass) for the course.

Submission and Completion of Assignments:

You are expected to submit assignments by the due date. Any late assignments may be assessed a marking penalty of 5% per day. If you are unable to submit an assignment on the due date, you must request an extension **before** the due date by filling out an *Application for Assignment Extension form (SSPP-F012)* that is to be submitted to the Department Chair for approval. This form is available on Columbia's website, Bldg. 802 – Main Office and from Department Chairs.

Requesting an Examination Deferral:

If you are requesting an exam to be deferred, you must submit an Application for *Deferred Examinations form (SSPP-F012)* to the Department Chair **within 48 hours of the missed examination date and time**. Applications for deferred examinations will only be considered due to medical or personal emergency. A medical certificate or other appropriate documentation may be required. This form is available on Columbia's website, Bldg. 802-Main Office and from Department Chairs.

Attendance Requirements:

Columbia College believes that students are committed to their program and learning experiences. However, it is understood that there are times when students may be absent. Any absences can be viewed as a potentially serious disruption of the learning process and necessary achievement of the learning objectives. Being late is also considered unacceptable as it interferes with the learning opportunities of others. Unavoidable absences or lateness must be reported to the course facilitator in advance. Please refer to Columbia College's *Attendance Policy and Regulations (ADM-P151)* for detailed information on Attendance Requirements.

Academic Integrity:

Academic dishonesty is a serious offence and can result in suspension or expulsion from Columbia College.

There is no tolerance for academic dishonesty and any student caught plagiarizing is subject to serious sanctions as outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct Policy (ADM-P229)*. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this policy and avoid any behavior that could possibly be seen as cheating, plagiarizing, misrepresenting, or putting into question the integrity of one's academic work.

Student Conduct:

It is the responsibility of each student to uphold the expectations and responsibilities outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct Policy (ADM-P229)*, *Columbia's Commitment to Human Rights and Diversity Policy (ADM-P204)*, and any additional requirements established by your program.

Generally, each student will:

- be respectful and courteous toward others;
- demonstrate appropriate and supportive communication skills, and coach, assist, advise and otherwise support other students in their studies;
- manage any personal stress and conflict in a positive and resourceful manner, and assist others to do the same;
- be dressed in a manner appropriate for their workplace or learning environment, as established by the program;
- conduct themselves in a professional manner with regard to their communication with others and their behavior in class;
- conduct themselves with academic integrity in all of their learning activities, tests, exams, and assignments
- keep up with day-to-day classroom and course expectations.

Important Dates:

| Description | Date |
|---|---|
| Last to add/drop courses | 5 school operating days from the start of the semester OR before the third scheduled class, whichever is greater |
| Last day to withdraw without academic penalty | 50% or less of the semester has been completed |
| Final Examination | A final exam may take many formats. If a final exam is scheduled, it will be taken in an assigned room under the supervision of a Test Proctor. <u>Students must be on time as they will not be permitted to enter once the exam has started.</u> Exam schedules are available in each building on a bulletin board, as well as, online at www.columbia.ab.ca/exams . <u>It is the student's responsibility to check this exam posting.</u> |

Appeals:

Please refer to the *Student Appeal Policy (ADM-P177)*.

Students with Temporary or Permanent Disabilities or Medical Conditions:

Students with temporary or permanent disabilities or medical conditions may apply for accommodations. To be considered for an accommodation, a student must register with Columbia College's Accessibility Services by making an appointment with an Accessibility Services Advisor – Main Office – Bldg. 802 or emailing accessibilityservices@columbia.ab.ca. The Department Chair or facilitator is not able to provide you with any accommodations without you taking this step. Please refer to Columbia College's website to review *the Student Accommodation Policy (ADM-P188)* and *Student Guide to Accessibility Services (SSCM-001)*.

Student Support:

Students should be aware that Life Coaching, Career and Accessibility Services, and Student Support Services (i.e. tutoring, academic strategists, etc.) are provided by Columbia College. Inquire how to request these services at the Main Office in building 802. It is the student's responsibility to discuss their specific learning needs with the appropriate service provider.

Class Schedule/Overview:

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. Any changes or cancellations will be emailed to you. It is your responsibility to check the email address you have given to the school on a daily basis for any messages from the Department Chair/designate, facilitator or College Administration. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in the Course Outline and to clarify any areas of concern with the facilitator.

| Class Session | Topics | Pre-Class Readings |
|---------------|---|---|
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Introduce Syllabus and Text • Discuss Class Assignments • Roots of Applied Behavior Analysis | Chapter 1 |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible Use of Applied Behavior Analysis Procedures • Preparing Behavioral Objectives | Chapters 2 & 3 |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedures of Collecting Data • Graphing Data | Chapters 4 & 5 |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single-Subject Designs • Determining the Function of Behavior | Chapter 6 & 7 |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranging Consequences That Increase Behavior • Arranging Consequences That Decrease Behavior | Assignment 1 due Chapters 8 & 9 |
| 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differential Reinforcement: Antecedent Control and Shaping | Chapter 10 |
| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing for Generalization of Behavior Change | Chapter 11 |
| 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching Students to Manage Their Own Behavior | Assignment 2 due Chapter 12 |
| 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting It All Together • Review | Chapter 13 |
| 10 | Final Exam – 3 hrs. | N/A |

Appendix 1 Assignment Outlines

Daily Tests

Due Date: Each class from classes 1 through 9.

Weight: 20%

Description: Students will be expected to read the assigned chapters in the text and other assigned readings and be prepared to write a graded test based on these reading assignments.

Note: Your grade will be based on the average of your top 8 daily tests.

Assignment 1 – Critical Writing Response

Due Date: Class 5

Weight: 20%

Students will be required to choose **one** of the following topics covering the content of classroom lessons and assigned text and other readings. This project will be a **critical response exercise**.

- *Topic 1 (Chapter 2):* For students with disabilities, IDEA requires that students receive services in the least restrictive environment (LRE). What is meant by least restrictive environment? Explain how LRE fits into a therapeutic environment
- *Topic 2 (Chapter 4):* A kindergarten teacher wants to collect data on a new behavior modification program to reduce out-of-seat behavior throughout the school day for three students in her class. Which data collection system would you recommend she use and why? Contrast the benefits of the system you recommended against two other systems of data collection.

Assignment 2 – Critical Writing Response

Due Date: Class 8

Weight: 20%

Students will be required to choose **one** of the following topics covering the content of classroom lessons and assigned text and other readings. This project will be a **critical response exercise**.

- *Topic 1 (Chapter 5):* Discuss the benefits of graphing data when communicating with teachers, parents and students.
- *Topic 2 (Chapter 7):* A student engages in several inappropriate and destructive behaviors. Discuss the procedures someone might initiate to identify the functions of these behaviors.

Writing Assignment Expectations for both Assignments:

- **Objective:** The objective of these writing assignments is to critically apply concepts, ideas, and procedures to facilitate higher level learning. The assignments are designed so students can demonstrate the depth of knowledge related to the course content.
- **Focus:** These assignments are designed to apply knowledge from the chapters and class discussions.
- **Format:** This assignment should be typed and double-spaced. Do not include title pages. Include your name at the top of each page. A minimum of one inch margins on each side. 12 point Times New Roman font is preferred. Each assignment should have a minimum length of 750 words but is not to exceed 1000 words. Students will be evaluated according to the attached rubric: Critical Writing Response Rubric.

How to avoid plagiarism?

The simplest way to avoid plagiarism is to reference any source properly (using both in-text, parenthetical citations in the body of your assignment and a “References” page at the end. While it is commonplace to build upon the knowledge of others, it is necessary to clearly state the sources and foundations of that knowledge. Referencing must conform to the APA referencing formats outlined in the “Citations” resource book.

Final Exam

Due Date: Class 10

Weight: 40%

Description: Students will be required to write a final exam that may consist of multiple-choice questions, short answer, or case-based questions covering the content of classroom learning and assigned text and other readings.

**Appendix 2
Assignment Rubrics**

**Columbia College
Critical Writing Response Marking Rubric**
Revised Jan. 2018

| Student's Name | Course Code | Date | Facilitator/Evaluator's Name | | |
|--|--|---|---|---|--------------|
| | A | B | C-D | F | Score |
| | 10-9 | 8-7 | 6-5 | 4-0 | |
| Quality of Response Content/Ideas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates reflection, insight, and accurate interpretation of assignment. • States main idea/opinion clearly. • Provides support for the main idea through numerous, relevant sources and/or references to the course readings. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates reflection and accurate interpretation of assignment. • States main idea /opinion clearly. • Provides support for the main idea through number of relevant sources and/or references to the course readings. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited response to assignment. • Partly identifies main idea/opinion. • Attempts some support for the main idea, but it is limited in applicability. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates limited response that is hard to follow. • Main idea/opinion not identified. • Uses little to no references to support opinion. | |
| Analysis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explores issue thoroughly and with insight, developing a clear, original position with persuasive examples. • Demonstrates sound logic. • Demonstrates excellent critical thinking and problem solving skills. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explores issue well, developing an original position with and good examples. • Demonstrates good logic. • Demonstrates very good critical thinking and problem solving skills. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines the issue, but explores it inadequately. • Uses examples inconsistently and/or examples are lacking. • Demonstrates weakness in logic. • Demonstrates weak critical thinking and problem solving skills. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines issue inadequately, demonstrating a simplistic view. • Lacks logic. • Demonstrates poor critical thinking and problem solving skills. | |

| | A | B | C-D | F | Score |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--------------|
| | 10-9 | 8-7 | 6-5 | 4-0 | |
| Style Expression of Ideas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses highly effective, clearly focused, varied sentences, addressing audience and purpose. • Incorporates knowledge of stylistic techniques. • Conveys all ideas with originality and clarity. • Uses rich, accurate and effective word choice. • Consistently demonstrates original, sincere and compelling personal voice. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly uses effective, well structured, focused, varied sentences, addressing audience and purpose. • Demonstrates use of particular stylistic techniques. • Conveys most ideas with originality and clarity. • Uses accurate and effective word choice. • Mostly demonstrates original, sincere personal voice. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited attempts at creating varied sentences to address audience and purpose. • Often sentences are somewhat awkward. • Little attempt at using stylistic techniques. • Conveys some ideas clearly. • Uses vague, ineffective word choice. • Demonstrates little to no development of a personal voice. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses simplistic sentence structures that are awkward and do not address audience and purpose. • No stylistic devices attempted. • Most ideas are not conveyed clearly. • Inadequate word choice. • No evidence of a personal voice. | |
| Organization and Structure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates a sophisticated, well developed beginning, middle and conclusion. • Connects all ideas logically. • Uses a variety of carefully crafted sentence structures. • Consistently establishes appropriate paragraphing and transitions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates a well-developed beginning, middle, and conclusion. • Connects most ideas logically. • Uses a variety of well-structured sentence • Most of the time establishes appropriate paragraphing and transitions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates an unfocused beginning, middle and a simple conclusion. • Creates answer that is poorly structured. • Uses some sentence variety with errors that begin to interfere with meaning. • Shows faulty paragraphing and lack of transitions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates a limited response with no clear beginning, middle, and conclusion. • Creates confusion in structure. • Uses little to no sentence structure variety. • Many structural errors • Weak to no paragraphing or transition. | |

| | A | B | C-D | F | Score |
|--|--|---|--|--|--------------|
| | 10-9 | 8-7 | 6-5 | 4-0 | |
| Mechanics, Grammar, Professional Format | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly error free. Uses APA citation correctly where applicable for referencing sources. Meets and exceeds all requirements for an excellent academic response. Meets and exceeds all requirements of the assignment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A few minor errors in usage, grammar, or mechanics. Generally uses APA citation correctly where applicable for referencing sources. Meets most requirements for a well written academic response. Meets most requirements of the assignment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, beginning to interfere with the readability and meaning of the paper. Uses APA citation inconsistently and with errors when sources are used. Meets a few requirements for an acceptable academic response. Meets a few requirements of the assignment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numerous errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, affecting the readability and meaning of the paper. Many errors in APA citation, demonstrating lack of citation knowledge when sources are used. Meets few requirements for an acceptable academic response. Meets little to no requirements of the assignment. | |

Plagiarism: A “0” grade will be given to a paper where significant sections of the paper were copied from other, unattributed sources.

Total Score out of 50:

Facilitator/Evaluator’s Comments: