

**UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA OKANAGAN**  
**PSYCHOLOGY 316 - SECTION 001 – CANVAS**  
**PSYCHOLOGY OF TOUCH II**  
**2021 WINTER TERM 2**

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**Required Material**

Heller, M.A. (Ed.). (2000). Touch, Representation and Blindness. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. (Chapter 3)  
(in Course Package)

Heller, M.A., & Ballesteros, S. (Eds.). (2006). Touch and Blindness. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.  
(Chapters 4) (in Course Package)

Heller, M.A., & Schiff, W. (Eds.). (1991). The Psychology of Touch. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. (Chapter  
11) (in Course Package)

Schiff, W. & Foulke, E. (Eds.). (1982). Tactual Perception: A Sourcebook. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.  
(Chapter 9) (in Course Package)

**Note:** Students can purchase course materials online at the bookstore website by visiting <https://shop.bookstore.ubc.ca/t-campus-ebookstore-okanagan.aspx>. From the UBC Okanagan bookstore, students will have the option to buy only the print copy.

**Optional Reference Guide for Writing Papers**

American Psychological Association. (2020). Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed).  
Washington, DC: Author.

**Canvas**

This course is being taught online via Canvas. To access Canvas go to [www.Canvas.ubc.ca](http://www.Canvas.ubc.ca). Click on the Login button and proceed with your login name and password. You will then be able to access the content of all of your courses that are available on Canvas. In order to ensure that you'll receive emails for the course from Canvas, you'll need to add your email address to Canvas. Please **do not** email me from Canvas, as I cannot respond and I do not receive them in my UBC mail. Only use [paul.gabias@ubc.ca](mailto:paul.gabias@ubc.ca). You can also email my Assistant, Cheryl Ash at [cheryl.ash@ubc.ca](mailto:cheryl.ash@ubc.ca). I post Lecture Recordings in the Lecture Recordings Module. Also, I post supplementary material in the Readings and Videos Module.

**Purpose of Lectures:**

The lectures are to be used to expand on the reading that you have already done. Please bring your textbook or relevant reading material to class. The class periods are times during which you can ask questions. Don't ask what material you should know. You should know it all with equal weight.

The purpose of the course is to compare and contrast fundamental principles about dimensions of touch and the research programs, which are given impetus by these principles and ideas. Applied perceptual aspects of touch will also be considered. The proficiency of the blind using touch as a perceptual system will be discussed.

With respect to the material to be covered in this course, I will focus on material that is most likely to give students difficulty. As you can see by the schedule, each third of the course is separated by a test. Your reading and learning schedule should match the schedule indicated in this syllabus.

**Tentative Schedule 2021 Winter Term 2**

\*\* Due to Covid 19, the lecture recordings will be available online on Canvas shortly after the scheduled times, in the afternoon. Zoom lecture recordings are posted on the Lecture Recording Module on Canvas.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapters</u>
1	01/10 – 01/14	Introductory Remarks, Schiff & Foulke, Tactual Perception Chapter 9 – Haptic Pictures
2	01/17 – 01/21	Schiff & Foulke, Tactual Perception Chapter 9 – Haptic Pictures

3	01/24 – 01/28	Schiff & Foulke, Tactual Perception Chapter 9 – Haptic Pictures <b>**Option 2 Notification due* - January 28</b>
4	01/31	Schiff & Foulke, Tactual Perception Chapter 9 – Haptic Pictures
4	02/02 – 02/04	Heller & Schiff, Psychology of Touch Chapter 11 – Tactile pictures
5	02/07 – 02/11	Heller & Schiff, Psychology of Touch Chapter 11 – Tactile pictures
<b>6</b>	<b>02/14</b>	<b>Exam 1 – Schiff &amp; Foulke – Chapter 9 &amp; Heller &amp; Schiff – Chapter 11</b> <i>**You are examinable for all of this material regardless of what has not been covered in class. Depending on time available, some portions of chapters may not be covered in class except to answer questions about the material in the chapters. Your reading and learning schedule should match the schedule indicated in this syllabus.</i>
6	02/16 – 02/18	Heller & Schiff, Psychology of Touch Chapter 11 – Tactile pictures
<b>7</b>	<b>02/21</b>	<b>Family Day</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>02/22 – 02/25</b>	<b>Midterm Break</b>
8	08/28 – 03/04	Heller & Schiff, Psychology of Touch Chapter 11 – Tactile pictures <b>**Outline Due for Option 2* - February 28</b>
9	03/07 – 03/09	Heller & Schiff, Psychology of Touch Chapter 11 – Tactile pictures
9	03/11	Heller, Touch, Representation and Blindness Chapter 3 – Recognizing Outline Pictures via Touch: Alignment Theory
10	03/14 – 03/18	Heller, Touch, Representation and Blindness Chapter 3 – Recognizing Outline Pictures via Touch: Alignment Theory
11	03/21	Heller, Touch, Representation and Blindness Chapter 3 – Recognizing Outline Pictures via Touch: Alignment Theory
<b>11</b>	<b>03/23</b>	<b>Exam 2 – Heller &amp; Schiff – Chapter 11 &amp; Heller – Chapter 3</b> <i>**You are examinable for all of this material regardless of what has not been covered in class. Depending on time available, some portions of chapters may not be covered in class except to answer questions about the material in the chapters. Your reading and learning schedule should match the schedule indicated in this syllabus.</i>
11	03/25	Heller, Touch, Representation and Blindness Chapter 3 – Recognizing Outline Pictures via Touch: Alignment Theory
12	03/28 – 03/30	Heller, Touch, Representation and Blindness Chapter 3 – Recognizing Outline Pictures via Touch: Alignment Theory <b>**Paper Due for Option 2* - March 28</b>
12	04/01	Heller & Ballesteros, Touch and Blindness Chapter 4 – Form, Projection and Pictures for the Blind
13	04/04 – 04/08	Heller & Ballesteros, Touch and Blindness Chapter 4 – Form, Projection and Pictures for the Blind
14	04/11	Heller & Ballesteros, Touch and Blindness Chapter 4 – Form, Projection and Pictures for the Blind
<b>14-16</b>	<b>04/14 - 04/29</b>	<b>Final Exam Period: Schiff &amp; Foulke – Chapter 9, Heller &amp; Schiff – Chapter 11, Heller Chapter 3, and Heller &amp; Ballesteros – Chapters 4</b>

*\*\*You are examinable for all of this material regardless of what has not been covered in class. Depending on time available, some portions of chapters may not be covered in class except to answer questions about the material in the chapters. Your reading and learning schedule should match the schedule indicated in this syllabus.*

## **Evaluation**

Important note: the dates, material covered, and weightings for all examinations are subject to change without notice.

In this course, there will be three exams. The Final Exam is cumulative. An outline and term paper are optional. The optional paper is due **03/28**. If you are choosing to write an optional paper, an outline of the paper must be submitted by **02/28**. The outline is worth 4%.

In order to be fair to all students, Psychology courses adhere to the evaluation described on the course outline. Accordingly, requests for make-up tests, assignments, or other work to increase grades will not be supported unless specified on the course outline. In this course, the evaluation is as follows:

### ***Option 1 (default):***

If you choose this option, you do not need to contact me about Option 1. If I don't receive an email, on or before, **January 28** indicating that you have chosen Option 2, you will be evaluated according to Option 1, automatically.

<b>Exam I</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Exam II</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>Exam III (Final exam period)</b>	<b>39%</b>

### ***Option 2:***

If you choose this option, you must let me know by email, on or before, **January 28**. You must send me an email clearly indicating that you are choosing to be evaluated in PSYO 316 according to Option 2. All emails must be sent to me using my UBCO email address: [paul.gabias@ubc.ca](mailto:paul.gabias@ubc.ca).

<b>Exam I</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Exam II</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Exam III (Final exam period)</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Outline</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Paper</b>	<b>21%</b>

### **Deadlines for Option 2:**

**Notification: 01/28. Outline: 02/28. Paper: 03/28.**

Please submit a hard copy and an electronic copy of your outline and paper (email in word or pdf format to [paul.gabias@ubc.ca](mailto:paul.gabias@ubc.ca)). No paper will be accepted unless an outline has been submitted at least four weeks prior to the submission of the paper. A paper that has been submitted, but not accepted, receives a failing grade of **30%**. Again, I will not accept a paper if an outline for that paper has not been submitted at least four weeks prior to the submission of the paper. Also, any paper submitted without a previously approved outline will not be accepted. Thus, even if you submit an outline, if that outline has not been approved by me, the paper that you generate and submit from that unapproved outline will not be accepted. That paper will receive a failing grade of **30%**. **Also, 1% will be docked from any paper grade for each day late.**

## **Grading**

According to the University of British Columbia Grading Scale

### **Mark-Grade Equivalents**

<b><u>Percent</u></b>	<b><u>Letter Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>
90-100	<b>A+</b>	
85-89	<b>A</b>	First Class
80-84	<b>A-</b>	
76-79	<b>B+</b>	
72-75	<b>B</b>	Second Class
68-71	<b>B-</b>	
64-67	<b>C+</b>	
60-63	<b>C</b>	Third Class
55-59	<b>C-</b>	
50-54	<b>D</b>	Marginal Pass
0-49	<b>F</b>	Failure

## **Term Paper Topic Selection Guidelines for Option 2**

Select narrow topics rather than topics that allow for a huge latitude of discussion. **Select a topic that will enable a discussion of one or more key experiments. To select experiments, please use the references in the assigned readings.** The **APA** folder contains information on APA formatting, and an outline sample to follow.

### Outline Requirements

**Every outline must start with “the purpose of this paper is to” in the first paragraph.**

#### Every outline must have

- **Title page.**
- **Introduction.** An introduction consists of a sentence or two stating the general topic. It also contains a list of experiments to be discussed stating the respective hypothesis or hypotheses for each experiment.
- After the introduction, the body of the outline consists of **headings** indicating the layering or categorization of topics to be discussed. In discussing experiments, simply write Experiment 1 with the headings in experiment 1 and then Experiment 2 with the headings in experiment 2, and so on. All of the headings must be displayed with the correct APA formatting. You don't have to discuss more than one experiment. Headings include terms such as Method, Results, and Discussion. In the Method sections, there are sub-headings such as Participants, Materials or Stimulus Displays, Design, and Procedure. These terms must all be formatted with appropriate heading levels. See APA Manual for directions. In the outline, you don't have to fill in the information in the Method and the subsections of the Method.
- Continue the outline with **Results**. In discussing an experiment or a set of experiments, simply state that the hypothesis or hypotheses, in each experiment, were or were not supported. Of course, restate the hypothesis or hypotheses in this section. If you are discussing more than one experiment, each experiment will have its own results section, with its own hypothesis or set of hypotheses that will either be supported or not. Each experiment will also have its own discussion section. Again all of the headings must be formatted appropriately, depending on whether there is one or more than one experiment. For more information see **Information for Writing Papers** on **Canvas**.
- End the outline with a **Discussion**. The discussion outlines possible concluding remarks. Depending on whether the hypothesis or hypotheses in each experiment were supported or not, suggest avenues of future research in point form. Authors will typically do this for you in a more elaborate form, in their publications.
- **List of references.** Every reference list must be properly formatted in **APA** style. See **Information for Writing Papers** on **Canvas** for more information.

**\*\*This outline is worth 4% if the outline is handed in on time**

### Paper Requirements

- Every paper must have a title page, abstract, introduction, headings, and list of references.
- Every paper must start with "**The purpose of this paper is to**" in the first paragraph.
- Every paper must be from 8 to 10 pages long, not including references.
- The purpose of the term paper is to evaluate your knowledge of material and your ability to write knowledgeably, descriptively and critically about it.
- All term papers must be typed in 12 point Times New Roman.
- **Pay attention to spelling and grammar.** Good ideas that are not supported by good spelling and good grammar make an unfavorable impression with me, the professor. In my experience papers with bad spelling and bad grammar are also poorly organized. They reflect poor scholarship, a lack of knowledge and inattention to detail. They always receive a failing grade. Papers that have nothing substantial to contribute and are poorly organized don't fare much better either. Avoid platitudes. An example of a platitude is "All vertebrates must smell for survival".
- Every paper must be properly formatted in APA style.

### General rules for writing are:

The paper should start with the premise "The purpose of this paper is to..." Then, state the experiments to be discussed and their relevance to the purpose. In this assignment, the purpose of the paper will necessarily relate to the review of an experiment or a set of experiments. The purpose of the paper is to show that a hypothesis or several hypotheses have been tested, and either supported or not supported by research results. State the hypothesis or hypotheses to be tested, for each experiment, in the introduction. After the introduction, the paper should continue with:

- ❖ the title of experiment 1;
- ❖ the hypothesis or hypotheses in experiment 1;
- ❖ the null hypothesis or hypotheses to be tested in experiment 1. The null hypothesis always suggests that there are no treatment differences between the experimental conditions and the control condition. Statistically speaking, the null hypothesis is rejected when the probability of the null hypothesis being true, is either less than .05, or less than .01, depending on the confidence level adopted by the experimenter. If the probability of the null

hypothesis being true is less than .05 or less than .01, the alternate hypothesis is adopted. Under the alternate hypothesis, the experimental treatment or treatments are accepted as accounting for the variance in the data between the experimental conditions, over and above the variance in the data within each experimental condition;

- ❖ appropriate operational definitions relevant to experiment 1. Operational definitions refer to how variables are quantified or measured;
- ❖ the method in experiment 1, which includes: the subjects, the test materials or stimulus displays, the design, and the procedure;
- ❖ the results of experiment 1. In the results section, the first question to be answered is: was the null hypothesis or were the null hypotheses rejected by the results of experiment 1, and at what level of confidence, .05 or .01. The second question to be answered is: was the alternate hypothesis, or were the alternate hypotheses supported by the results of experiment 1. Show how the data support the adoption of the alternate hypothesis or alternate hypotheses in experiment 1.
- ❖ the **discussion** for experiment 1. Based on the results of experiment 1, suggest avenues of future research. Specifically, suggest future hypotheses to be tested from the results of experiment 1. Authors will typically do this for you in their publication. These testable hypotheses will lead to experiment 2.
- ❖ Experiment 2. In the introduction of experiment 2, discuss the next experiment and the transition between the previous experiment or set of experiments and the current experiment under discussion.
- ❖ Follow the same steps for experiment 2, 3, 4 and so on.
- ❖ **General Discussion.** What do the results in the series of experiments suggest about the overall purpose of the paper?

I don't mean to suggest that you have to discuss more than one experiment. Some experiments are sufficiently complex that they can be discussed on their own. Remember though, you can't go past 10 pages and the paper can't be less than 8 pages. So, the number of experiments required depends on their complexity.

### APA Procedures

**Follow APA procedures for writing papers scrupulously.**

For format requirements for your paper, see the APA Publication Manual, 7th Edition at [https://apastyle.apa.org/?\\_ga=2.224856474.1644909711.1603469663-1636603413.1603469663](https://apastyle.apa.org/?_ga=2.224856474.1644909711.1603469663-1636603413.1603469663).

APA sample papers can also be found on the Perdue Online Writing Lab at [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/apa\\_style/apa\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/apa\\_sample\\_paper.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/apa_sample_paper.html).

### Paper Grading Procedures

**\*\*Any paper submitted without a previously approved outline will receive a grade of 30%.**

Improperly formatted title page: **-5%**

No Abstract: **-5%**

Improperly formatted abstract: **-5%**

No Headings: **-30%**

Improperly formatted Headings: **-15%**

No References: **-20%**

Improperly formatted References: **-10%**

Improperly formatted Citations: **-10%**

Citations don't match References: **-10%**

References don't match Citations: **-10%**

Citing Secondary sources when primary sources are available: **-10%**

Awkward writing style: **-20%**

Improper arguments: **-20%**

Improper spelling/grammar: **-20%**

Irrelevant content: **-30%**

Failure to conform to guidelines for presenting ideas suggested in the paper requirements section: **-20%**

**\*\*1% will be docked from your paper grade for each day late.**

### Attendance

UBC regulations are that **regular attendance is expected** of students in all their classes (including recorded lectures, laboratories, tutorials, seminars, etc.). You are expected to virtually attend every recorded class. You are responsible for reading, ahead of time, the material that is to be presented in each class. Poor attendance will adversely affect your grade. Good attendance will help your grade.

Students who neglect their academic work and assignments may be excluded from final examinations. Students who are unavoidably unable to view recordings of classes because of illness or disability should report to their instructors. For more information on the student declaration and responsibilities, see

<http://www.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=3,36,0,0>

### **For Students living outside Canada**

During this pandemic, the shift to online learning has greatly altered teaching and studying at UBC, including changes to health and safety considerations. Keep in mind that some UBC courses might cover topics that are censored or considered illegal by non-Canadian governments. This may include, but is not limited to, human rights, representative government, defamation, obscenity, gender or sexuality, and historical or current geopolitical controversies. If you are a student living abroad, you will be subject to the laws of your local jurisdiction, and your local authorities might limit your access to course material or take punitive action against you. UBC is strongly committed to academic freedom, but has no control over foreign authorities (please visit <http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,33,86,0> for an articulation of the values of the University conveyed in the Senate Statement on Academic Freedom). Thus, we recognize that students will have legitimate reason to exercise caution in studying certain subjects. If you have concerns regarding your personal situation, consider postponing taking a course with manifest risks, until you are back on campus or reach out to your academic advisor to find substitute courses. For further information and support, please visit: <http://academic.ubc.ca/support-resources/freedom-expression>

### **Student Declaration and Responsibility**

Upon registering, a student has initiated a contract with the University and is bound by the following declaration: **"I hereby accept and submit myself to the statutes, rules and regulations, and ordinances (including bylaws, codes, and policies) of The University of British Columbia, and of the faculty or faculties in which I am registered, and to any amendments thereto which may be made while I am a student of the University, and I promise to observe the same."**

The student declaration is important. It imposes obligations on students and affects rights and privileges including property rights. You must not enroll as a student at the University if you do not agree to become bound by the declaration above. By agreeing to become a student, you make the declaration above and agree to be bound by it. For more information on the student declaration and responsibilities, see <http://www.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?page=declaration>.

### **Missed Exams**

**There will be no make-up exams and no early exams. If you have to miss one of the midterms, and you work it out with me in advance, then I will reweight your final exam. Otherwise, there will be no re-weighting of exams under any circumstances.** Check the schedule for the final exam. Midterm and Final Exams are online and scheduled at the times listed in the syllabus or in the Final Exam posting.

If you think your exam has been graded incorrectly, submit a written explanation by email to me and I will forward it to the appropriate TA. We will double check the grading and get back to you. Beyond that, please don't argue about your grades. It isn't that I am so hard-nosed, it's rather that I have a very strong sense of fairness and that means not caving in to the pushiest people while the people who play by the rules suffer.

All students who miss or plan to miss a regularly scheduled **FINAL** examination must discuss the issue with personnel in the Office of the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Recruitment, Services, and Success in the Irving K. Barber Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, [fass.students.ubco@ubc.ca](mailto:fass.students.ubco@ubc.ca).

### **Senate Policies and Regulations on Examinations**

Senate policies and regulations on examinations can be found in the online calendar at <http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=3,41,89,0>

In particular, some students will be interested in the issue of what UBC calls examination hardships. An examination hardship is defined as three or more examinations scheduled within a 24-hour period. A student facing an examination hardship shall be given an examination date for the second examination causing hardship by the respective instructor or department. The student must notify the instructor of the second examination no later than one month prior to the examination date. For more regulations, please go to the Calendar webpage.

### **Copyright disclaimer**

Diagrams and figures included in lecture presentations adhere to Copyright Guidelines for UBC Faculty, Staff and Students <http://copyright.ubc.ca/requirements/copyright-guidelines/> and UBC Fair Dealing Requirements for Faculty and Staff <http://copyright.ubc.ca/requirements/fair-dealing/>. Some of these figures and images are subject to copyright and will not be posted to **Canvas**. All material uploaded to **Canvas** that contain diagrams and figures are used with permission of the publisher; are in the public domain; are licensed by Creative Commons; meet the permitted terms of use of UBC's library license agreements for electronic items; and/or adhere to the UBC Fair Dealing Requirements for Faculty and Staff. Access to the **Canvas** course site is limited to students currently registered in this course. Under no circumstance are students permitted to provide any other person with means to access this material. Anyone violating these restrictions may be subject to legal action. Permission to electronically record any course materials must be granted by the instructor. Distribution of this material to a third party is forbidden.

## **Academic Integrity**

You are responsible for reading and understanding the appropriate policies contained in the calendar. This will provide you with a clear indication of the expectations regarding academic integrity. Incidentally, the section describing the nature and consequences of academic misconduct as described in the Table of Contents for Discipline for Academic Misconduct in the calendar: <http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=3,54,111,0> ...is far more extensive than the link <http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=3,54,111,959>.

The academic enterprise is founded on honesty, civility, and integrity. As members of this enterprise, all students are expected to know, understand, and follow the codes of conduct regarding academic integrity. At the most basic level, this means submitting only original work done by you and acknowledging all sources of information or ideas and attributing them to others as required. This also means you should not cheat, copy, or mislead others about what is your work. Violations of academic integrity (i.e., misconduct) lead to the breakdown of the academic enterprise, and therefore serious consequences arise and harsh sanctions are imposed. For example, incidences of plagiarism or cheating may result in a mark of zero on the assignment or exam and more serious consequences may apply if the matter is referred to the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline. Careful records are kept in order to monitor and prevent recurrences.

A more detailed description of academic integrity, including the policies and procedures, may be found at: <http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=3,54,111,0>

If you have any questions about how academic integrity applies to this course, please consult with your professor.

## **Learning Tools for the Classroom**

I would ask you to have your textbook on hand during each recorded class. I will be using it as reference material to discuss chapter headings and subheadings, and chapter figures and tables. I will be referring to these items by page numbers. It will be important for you to be able to see these items as I discuss them.

## **Learning Support**

The Student Learning Hub is your go-to resource for free learning support—now online and flexible to meet your remote learning needs! The Hub welcomes undergraduate students from all disciplines and years to access a range of supports that include tutoring in math, sciences, languages, and writing, as well as dedicated learning support to help you develop skills and strategies for academic success. Don't wait—successful learners access support early and often. For more information, visit [students.ok.ubc.ca/hub](http://students.ok.ubc.ca/hub) or contact [learning.hub@ubc.ca](mailto:learning.hub@ubc.ca)

## **Library Support**

**Kim Buschert** is the subject liaison librarian for Psychology, and can support students in a variety of ways, including:

- **Course readings** – locating existing online readings
- **Course reserves** – [Library Online Course Reserves System](#) (LOCR)
- **Instruction** – Share online modules for Canvas related to the libraries resources, including searching our databases and journals, constructing literature reviews, citation management, etc.
- **Student meetings** – one-on-one with students that need extra support for research assignments.

[kim.buschert@ubc.ca](mailto:kim.buschert@ubc.ca) | <http://library.ok.ubc.ca/>

## **Student Study Strategies**

For Student study Strategies go to <http://www.Studygs.net>

## **UBC Okanagan Disability Resource Centre**

The Disability Resource Centre ensures educational equity for students with disabilities, injuries or illness. If you are disabled, have an injury or illness and require academic accommodations to meet the course objectives, please contact Earllene Roberts, the Diversity Advisor for the Disability Resource Centre located in the University Centre building (UNC 214C).

**UNC 214C** 250.807.9263

Email: [earllene.roberts@ubc.ca](mailto:earllene.roberts@ubc.ca)

Web: <http://students.ok.ubc.ca/drc/welcome.html>

## **Blindness Resources**

With the blind professor that you have, you also have the opportunity to learn about blindness. This blindness material is not required course material. However, it can be used for your own personal development. Below, are links relating to resources about blindness and blind people:

<https://nfb.org/kernel-books>

<http://www.cfb.ca/publications/the-blind-canadian-magazine>

<https://nfb.org/braille-monitor>

## **Equity, Human Rights, Discrimination and Harassment**

UBC Okanagan is a place where every student, staff and faculty member should be able to study and work in an environment that is free from discrimination and harassment. UBC prohibits discrimination and harassment on the basis of the following grounds: age, ancestry, colour, family status, marital status, physical or mental disability, place of origin, political belief, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or unrelated criminal conviction. If you require assistance related to an issue of equity, discrimination or harassment, please contact the Equity and Inclusion Office or your administrative head of unit.

**Psychology Equity Representative:** Paul Gabias, ph. 250-807-9383 email [paul.gabias@ubc.ca](mailto:paul.gabias@ubc.ca),

**UBC Okanagan Equity Advisor:** ph. 250-807-9291; email [equity.ubco@ubc.ca](mailto:equity.ubco@ubc.ca)

**Web:** [www.equity.ok.ubc.ca](http://www.equity.ok.ubc.ca) | @EquityUBCO | [www.facebook.com/ubcoequityoffice](https://www.facebook.com/ubcoequityoffice)

### **Health & Wellness**

At UBC Okanagan health services to students are provided by Health and Wellness. Nurses, physicians and counsellors provide health care and counselling related to physical health, emotional/mental health and sexual/reproductive health concerns. As well, health promotion, education and research activities are provided to the campus community. If you require assistance with your health, please contact Health and Wellness for more information or to book an appointment.

**UNC 337** Email: [healthwellness.okanagan@ubc.ca](mailto:healthwellness.okanagan@ubc.ca) Web: [www.students.ok.ubc.ca/health-wellness](http://www.students.ok.ubc.ca/health-wellness)

### **Services, supports and security measures that are currently in place and available on campus**

- [UBC Alert](#) university's mass notification system to send alerts in urgent situations that pose an immediate safety or security risk to the community. UBC Alert is only used in active and urgent situations that require your immediate attention.
- [Safe Walk Services](#) offer scheduled or spur of the moment drop-ins with volunteers to help make sure you can safely get to your car, the bus stop or wherever you need to go on campus.
- [UBC Safe](#) is the official safety app of UBCO. The app features emergency contacts, safety tips, personal safety tools, maps and more.
- The [Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office](#) is centrally located on campus and is a confidential, non-judgemental place for those who have experienced, or been impacted by, any form of sexual or gender-based violence, harassment or harm, regardless of where or when it took place.
- This [campus map](#) denotes where all the Help Phones are located. Help Phones are in well-lit areas with active surveillance and allow you to connect immediately with Campus Security.

The [Emergency First Response Team](#) is a group of student volunteers, organized under Campus Security, which supports a safe and secure campus community by providing 24/7 medical and advanced first aid care. This service supplements a centralized program through Campus Security.

**For Dates to Remember Go to** <http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/academicyear.cfm>

### **SAFEWALK**

*Don't want to walk alone at night? Not too sure how to get somewhere on campus?*

*Call Safewalk at **250.807.8076**.*

*For more information, see: [www.security.ok.ubc.ca](http://www.security.ok.ubc.ca)*