

Course ID:	Course Title:	Winter 2020
BHs 400	Seminar	Prerequisite: BHS Senior; Permission of Department
		Credits: 3

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Class Information		Instructor Information		Important Dates	
Days:	T/Thursday	Instructor:	Alexandra Sanderson, PhD	First day of classes:	Tue, Jan 7
Time:	1-2:15 pm	Email:	asanderson@ambrose.edu	Last day to add/drop, or change to audit:	Sun, Jan 19
Room:	A1085-1	Phone:	403-410-2000 ext. 5907	Last day to request revised exam:	Mon, Mar 9
Lab/ Tutorial:		Office:	L2101	Last day to withdraw from course:	Fri, Mar 20
		Office Hours:	By apt.	Last day to apply for coursework extension:	Mon, Mar 30
Final Exam:	N/A			Last day of classes:	Thurs, Apr 9

Course Description

An integrative capstone seminar based on the contributions of both sociology and psychology for understanding human behaviour. The course will integrate the method, academic content, and pragmatic application of those fields of knowledge to the social context of human behaviour and explore the ways this can lead to vocation and service in the world community. A variety of methodological, theoretical, and practical questions will be addressed.

Expected Learning Outcomes

1. To reflect on the cumulative achievement of your work in the behavioural science field and on how other liberal arts courses complemented, extended or challenged your studies in BHS.
2. To reflect on how the BHS degree has shaped your Christian worldview and vice versa, and how your worldview may have been challenged, modified, or expanded.
3. To reflect on assigned readings and to think critically about present academic experience and future vocation.
4. To reflect on what it means to hold ethically responsible attitudes toward social problems and, in particular, vulnerable populations in society, and be empowered to give voice to these issues in the public and professional arena;

Textbooks

Parks, Daloz, L.A., Keen, C.H., Keen, J.P., and Daloz Parks, S. 1996. *Common Fire: Leading Lives of Commitment in a Complex World*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press.

Course Schedule

January 7 th	Course Introduction
January 9 th	"Leading with an Open Heart" (Heifetz & Linsky 2002)
January 14 th	Gergen, K.J. (2001) <i>Psychology as "Politics by Other Means."</i> Gergen, K.J. (2016). <i>Towards a Visionary Psychology.</i>
January 16 th	Gergen, K.J. (2003). <i>A Civil World Beyond Individual and Community</i>
January 21 st	Conversations over Coffee
January 23 rd	Gergen, K.J., (2007). <i>Relativism, Religion and Relational Being.</i>
January 28 th	Ospina, S & Foldy, E (2005). <i>Toward a Framework of Social Change Leadership.</i>
January 30th	Program Day – No Day time classes.
Feb 4 th	Miller, P.M., Brown, T & Hopson, R (2011). <i>Centering Love, Hope, and Trust in the Community: Transformative Urban Leadership Informed by Paulo Freire.</i>
Feb 6th	Grip-Birkman – Mandatory class
February 11 th	<i>Common Fire</i> (Chapter 1, 2 &3)
February 13th	Grip-Birkman – Mandatory class
February 25th	Grip-Birkman – Mandatory class
February 27 th	<i>Common Fire</i> (Interlude, Chapters 4 & 5)
March 3 rd	Conversations over Coffee
March 5 th	<i>Common Fire</i> (Chapters 6, 7 & Epilogue)
March 10 th	Capstone Presentations
March 12th	Grip-Birkman – Mandatory class
March 17 th	Capstone Presentations
March 19 th	Capstone Presentations
March 24 th	Capstone Presentations
March 26 st	Capstone Presentations
March 31 st	Capstone Presentations
April 2 nd	Capstone Presentations
April 7 th	Capstone Presentations
April 9 th	Capstone Presentations

Requirements:

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| 1. Completion/Reflection on the Grip-Birkman Inventory
(Reflections on Grip-Birkman to be included in Capstone paper/portfolio) | 5% |
| 2. Critical Reading and Discussion (Ongoing) | 20% |
| 3. Conversations over Coffee (Ongoing) | 20% |
| 4. Capstone Paper | 35% |
| 5. Capstone Presentation (Sign Up) | <u>20%</u> |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>100%</i> |

Grip-Birkman Inventory

As your time at Ambrose draws to a close, it is time to think more carefully and seriously about what is next, career-wise. The Grip-Birkman shows our personality, strengths, giftings, interests, areas of needs and stress behaviors when the needs go unmet.

Students can use this information to consider how much they want their interests to be used in their careers, and what unique strengths they will bring to any team individually and as a team member and what areas may require additional support, training, or management.

Consider what this inventory has taught you about your skill sets and potential career interests. Discuss the following in your capstone paper:

- Consider specific jobs that you might begin to apply for given your giftings. In doing so, consider how much you want your interests to be used in your careers, what unique strengths you will bring to any team individually and as a team member and what areas may require additional support, training, or management.
- Examine strategies to successfully apply for and secure employment related to the expressed areas of interest.

Students are expected to incorporate the context of this learning into the Capstone paper.

Critical Reading and Discussion (20%) – Ongoing

The readings for this course have been chosen to encourage your reflection on your degree, your guild, and your identity. Explore what the author(s) was trying to communicate and how the assigned reading impacted you.

Asking questions, articulating dissonance, and sharing insights during class discussions are a crucial component of the learning process and to the worth of this course. You will come to class having read the assigned reading and be ready to lead your group (approximately five students) in a discussion of the import of the reading to your present academic experience and future vocational goals. Each group member will lead their small group in a discussion twice during the semester and contribute to the class reflection on the material. On April 2nd, each student will hand in a summary report of their key learning from their peers and the discussions they led (3 pages, double spaced, APA format). Included at the end of this report will be a self and peer evaluation focusing on the quality and quantity of group member contributions.

Conversations over Coffee (20%)

It is important to pause and consider how the assigned readings connect/disconnect and affirm/challenge your evolving thoughts, feelings, and identity. On two occasions (each worth 10%) we will gather in groups of five over goodies and discuss the following:

1. How does what I am passionate about in this degree connect/disconnect and affirm/challenge the recent readings, and vice versa? How does what I have learned in Behavioural Science courses connect/disconnect and affirm/challenge the recent readings, and vice versa?
2. How does what I have learned in courses outside of the Behavioural Science program connect/disconnect and affirm/challenge the recent readings, and vice versa? As I consider potential next steps in my life and career, how do the recent readings connect/disconnect and affirm/challenge me?

Students are expected to prepare a 2 page (double spaced, 12-point font, 1" margins all the way around) typed response to the above questions, and then use that response to lead a 10 minute set of reflections in their group of five.

The expectation is that each group member will share their reflections as well as dialogue with their peers about each set of deliberations, cultivating a “conversational atmosphere” around these questions. Late written submissions and/or failure to share your reflections in the group will result in an automatic zero; **written reflections are still required, however, in order to pass the course.**

1) Capstone Paper (35%) –

This seminar is an opportunity for you to engage in holistic reflection independently, through the assigned readings, and with others in the class. You will be required to systematically critique your undergraduate experience by reflecting on significant things you have learned through texts and articles you have read, papers you have written, projects/testing you have participated in, and relationships you have made. The topic or theme you select to focus on is the residue of your own learning over these past three/four years. You should immediately commence research on this question: *In the context of achieving a degree in Behavioural Science, what is behavioural science, how do you know, and what difference does it make to you personally and to your world?* Additional questions related to this are: What have your studies been all about, both within and beyond your BHS-specific courses? What are the assumptions underlying this degree (and Ambrose) (i.e., what were you supposed to have learned?)? What have you actually learned? How have you learned it? Why did you come to choose this concentration or major? What did you hope to achieve? How and why did you meet/not meet those expectations? What would you change? How did your learning impact your faith journey? What happens next? In short, how has your academic experience at Ambrose and in BHS intersected with your life story? Be sure to explicitly incorporate theories, concepts, and empirical data from your degree throughout your paper. The length of this paper is 18-20 pages. Papers should be in Microsoft Word, double spaced, with 1” (2.54cm) margins on all sides, 12 point font, and APA formatting. Due to the confidential manner of this paper I prefer printed submissions. Please see the grading rubric below: **Paper is due on April 7th.**

2) Capstone Presentation (20%) – Sign-Up Sheet on Professor’s Door

As a capstone course, this is an integrative, interdisciplinary course that will also ask you to orally communicate about your educational experience as a whole. Each student will have **15 minutes** to present their capstone paper to the class during the final month of the term. Please see the grading rubric below:

Other: Grading Rubric

<p>Theory, Method, Data: Correctly employs paradigms, theories, concepts, and empirical research. Both breadth and depth of resources are relied upon, demonstrating an integrated understanding</p>	<p>Analysis and Application: Student is able to extend past summarizing research/theory, and clearly analyze and apply the research/theory (e.g., implications and consequences)</p>	<p>Logical and Coherent Argument: Logical and coherent argument that flows from beginning to end.</p>	<p>Grammar and Spelling: Writing is clear and effective communicating central ideas</p>	<p>Formatting: Use of appropriate writing style (i.e., APA) and other formatting particulars (i.e., page length, font size, margins)</p>	<p>Oral Presentations: Material is clearly, confidently, and creatively communicated. Both breadth and depth of resources are relied upon, demonstrating an integrated</p>
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	of the area of study.					understanding of the area of study.
A 86-100	Consistently achieved – paradigms, theories, concepts, and empirical research are summarized and used accurately and in relevant ways	The majority of assignment demonstrates a balance in summarizing and describing theory/research and analysis and application	Clearly states central thesis and purpose of paper Each sentence/paragraph logically leads to the next Carefully selected details which support general statements and central thesis	Few to no spelling, grammar, or other writing errors. Words, sentences, and paragraphs flow smoothly	Consistently achieved	Communicates effectively main theme, thesis, or primary focus of presentation. Establishes order to ideas and points out relationships between them. Number and quality of main points are sufficient Presentation of ideas develops to a logical conclusion and/or summary Strong presentation style, demonstrated through non-verbal communication, body language, voice, and eye contact.
B 72-85	Mostly achieved - paradigms, theories, concepts, and empirical research are summarized	Some idea of how chosen topic bears on the development of sociological/psychological thought (i.e., some analysis and application beyond merely	Clear central thesis Appropriate details/synthesis most of the time.	Some spelling, grammar, and writing errors Some awkward transitions between words,	Mostly achieved	Communicates to some degree the main theme, thesis, or primary focus of presentation.

	and used fairly accurately.	summarizing existing theory/research)	Sentences/paragraph generally flow logically together	sentences, and paragraphs		<p>Ideas follow a general logical flow with presenter providing some synthesis between points</p> <p>Number and quality of main points are sufficient</p> <p>Logical conclusion and/or summary provided that develops from the presenters points</p> <p>Moderate presentation style, demonstrated through non-verbal communication, body language, voice, and eye contact</p>
C 60-71	Inconsistently achieved - paradigms, theories, concepts, and empirical research are often summarized or used inaccurately, or not at all.	Little to no connection made to the development of paradigmatic thought in terms of analyzing or applying the theory/research	<p>Adequately limited central thesis</p> <p>Details/synthesis may be repetitious or absent altogether.</p> <p>Sentences/paragraphs rarely, if ever, flow logically together</p>	<p>Several spelling, grammar, and writing errors</p> <p>Several awkward transitions between words, sentences, and paragraphs</p>	Inconsistently achieved	<p>Unclear presentation of main theme, thesis or focus of presentation</p> <p>Little order to ideas and relationships between points not clarified clearly</p>

Number and quality of main points are lacking in sufficiency

Weak conclusion and/or summary

Presentation style lacking as demonstrated through non-verbal communication, body language, voice, and eye contact

Attendance:

Attendance is critical to your success in BHS 400. As a result, after three unexcused absences the instructor reserves the right to ask you to withdrawal from the class.

Grade Summary:

Grading: The available letters for course grades are as follows:

Percentage:	Letter Grade:	Grade Point Weight:
96-100	A+	4.0
91-95	A	4.0
86-90	A-	3.7
82-85	B+	3.3
75-81	B	3.0
72-74	B-	2.7
68-71	C+	2.3
63-67	C	2.0
60-62	C-	1.7
56-59	D+	1.3
50-55	D	1.0
0-49	F	

Because of the nature of the Alpha 4.00 system, there can be no uniform University-wide conversion scale. The relationship between raw scores (e.g. percentages) and the resultant letter grade will depend on the nature of the course and the instructor's assessment of the level of each class, compared to similar classes taught previously.

Please note that final grades will be available on student registration system. Printed grade sheets are not mailed out.

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Other:

Classroom Etiquette: We believe that learning is an active and interactive process, a joint venture between student and teacher and between student and student (i.e., learning is not just “downloading” information from teacher to student). Therefore, it is expected that professors will come to each class well-read and prepared to engage students on the topic at hand, giving students the utmost attention and respect. In turn, it is expected that students will take an active role in the learning process. This includes: (a) regular class attendance, (b) reading course material in advance of class, (c) showing up to class on time, and (d) attentively and proactively being “present” at class (i.e., not on the internet, not texting, not conversing with the person beside you). Committing to this type of "active learning" significantly increases the learning experience for both teacher and student, and reflects the Christian ethos of excellence and respect that lies at the heart of the Ambrose educational experience. **It is also important to note that personal experience can be difficult for some individuals to discuss and can lead to strong reactions/opinions. As a result please remember that your classmates are to be treated with the upmost respect and empathy at all times and that any failure to do so can lead to you being asked to leave the class.**

Ambrose University Academic Policies:

Communication

All students have received an Ambrose e-mail account upon registration. It is the student's responsibility to check this account regularly as the Ambrose email system will be the professor's instrument for notifying students of important matters (cancelled class sessions, extensions, requested appointments, etc.) between class sessions. If students do not wish to use their Ambrose accounts, they will need to forward all messages from the Ambrose account to another personal account.

Registration

During the **Registration Revision Period** students may enter a course without permission, change the designation of any class from credit to audit and /or voluntary withdraw from a course without financial or academic penalty or record. Courses should be added or dropped on the student portal by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. After that date, the original status remains and the student is responsible for related fees.

Students intending to withdraw from a course after the Registration Revision Period must apply to the Office of the Registrar by submitting a "Request to Withdraw from a Course" form or by sending an email to the Registrar's Office by the **Withdrawal Deadline**; please consult the List of Important Dates on the my.ambrose.edu website. Students will not receive a tuition refund for courses from which they withdraw after the Registration Revision period. A grade of "W" will appear on their transcript.

Students wishing to withdraw from a course, but who fail to do so by the applicable date, will receive the grade earned in accordance with the course syllabus. A student obliged to withdraw from a course after the Withdrawal Deadline because of health or other reasons may apply to the Registrar for special consideration.

Exam Scheduling

Students, who find a conflict in their exam schedule must submit a Revised Examination Request form to the Registrar's Office by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. Requests will be considered for the following reasons only: 1) the scheduled final examination slot conflicts with another exam; 2) the student has three final exams within three consecutive exam time blocks; 3) the scheduled final exam slot conflicts with an exam at another institution; 4) extenuating circumstances. Travel is not considered a valid excuse for re-scheduling or missing a final exam.

Electronic Etiquette

Students are expected to treat their instructor, guest speakers, and fellow students with respect. It is disruptive to the learning goals of a course or seminar and disrespectful to fellow students and the instructor to use electronics for purposes unrelated to the course during a class session. Turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices during class. Laptops should be used for class-related purposes only. Do not use iPods, MP3 players, or headphones. Do not text, read, or send personal emails, go on Facebook or other social networks, search the internet, or play computer games during class. Some professors will not allow the use of any electronic devices in class. The professor has the right to disallow the student to use a

laptop in future lectures and/or to ask a student to withdraw from the session if s/he does not comply with this policy. Repeat offenders will be directed to the Dean. If you are expecting communication due to an emergency, please speak with the professor before the class begins.

Academic Policies

It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to academic policies as stated in the Academic Calendar. Personal information (information about an individual that may be used to identify that individual) may be required as part of taking this class. Any information collected will only be used and disclosed for the purpose for which the collection was intended. For further information contact the Privacy Compliance Officer at privacy@ambrose.edu.

Extensions

Although extensions to coursework in the semester are at the discretion of the instructor, students may not turn in coursework for evaluation after the last day of the scheduled final examination period unless they have received permission for a course Extension from the Registrar's Office. Requests for course extensions or alternative examination time must be submitted to the Registrar's Office by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. Course extensions are only granted for serious issues that arise "due to circumstances beyond the student's control."

Appeal of Grade

An appeal for change of grade on any course work must be made to the course instructor within one week of receiving notification of the grade. An appeal for change of final grade must be submitted to the Registrar's Office in writing and providing the basis for appeal within 30 days of receiving notification of the final grade, providing the basis for appeal. A review fee of \$50.00 must accompany the appeal. If the appeal is sustained, the fee will be refunded.

Academic Integrity

We are committed to fostering personal integrity and will not overlook breaches of integrity such as plagiarism and cheating. Academic dishonesty is taken seriously at Ambrose University as it undermines our academic standards and affects the integrity of each member of our learning community. Any attempt to obtain credit for academic work through fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest means is academic dishonesty. Plagiarism involves presenting someone else's ideas, words, or work as one's own. Plagiarism is fraud and theft, but plagiarism can also occur by accident when a student fails or forgets to acknowledge to another person's ideas or words. Plagiarism and cheating can result in a failing grade for an assignment, for the course, or immediate dismissal from the university. Students are expected to be familiar with the policies in the current Academic Calendar that deal with plagiarism, cheating, and the penalties and procedures for dealing with these matters. All cases of academic dishonesty are reported to the Academic Dean and become part of the student's permanent record.

Note: Students are strongly advised to retain this syllabus for their records.