

## WEBSITE TEMPLATE

<b>Course</b>	– ONLINE – PSYC4001 Psychological and Health Implications of Climate Change
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### COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTORS STATEMENT

Climate change is a complex issue that not only impacts the physical environment but that also has a profound effect on us as individuals and social beings.

This seminar focuses on the psychological and health implication of global changes in the climate. In this seminar students will learn about: 1) the impact that climate change has on individuals and social groups locally and globally; 2) the health consequences of climate change with a particular focus on maternal, child and youth health; and 3) the psychological mechanisms implicated in making sense of climate change, and attitudes, beliefs and behaviours about climate change.

By the end of the course students will be able to:

1. Explain the psychological mechanisms implicated in attitudes, beliefs, and behaviours related to climate change
2. Critique psychological theories that describe our understanding of the attitudes, beliefs, and behaviours relevant to climate change
3. Assess how climate change affects the psychological, physical, and mental health of children and youth
4. Compare and contrast how climate change impacts local communities, regions, and countries, around the world.

5. Demonstrate how psychology as a field of study can help with the mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

## **EVALUATION**

Students in this asynchronous ONLINE course will be evaluated based on weekly assignments and a final project. Assignments include writing assignments (e.g., reflection papers, review of the literature, final essay), oral presentations (pre-recorded ppt presentation to upload on CuLearn), and online participation (via discussion forum and contributing to a online resource library).

## **TEXT**

There is no textbook for this course. A complete list of readings will be provided at the beginning of the course. All readings are accessible via the Carleton Library at no cost.