

Abbreviated Course Syllabus

OT 220 – LIFESTYLE DESIGN: SELF-ANALYSIS OF ACTIVITIES FOR HEALTH Fall 2023 – Section 47700

Class Day: Monday
Class Time: 12:00pm-1:50pm
Location: THH 208

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will focus on the concept of occupation -- the personal experiences of the individual student, and the therapeutic use within occupational therapy. Occupations are activities that occupy one's time that are culturally and personally meaningful (for example, playing basketball, eating, studying, and dancing). In this class we will look at how we occupy our time and how our everyday occupations influence our health and well-being. To do this we will examine why we do what we do, a process called occupational self-analysis. Then we will consider the concept of lifestyle redesign and how it is relevant in our own lives.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS!

- Lots of engaging activities!
- Ability to reflect on your life in a unique way!

REQUIRED READING

Sacks, Oliver (1995). *An Anthropologist on Mars*. New York: Vintage Books (also on reserve at Leavey Library)

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADE BREAKDOWN

Assignment	% of grade
Occupational Time Log Assignment <i>Analyze your time management and how to optimize your day!</i>	10%
Occupational Self-Analysis Reflection Paper <i>Reflect on the meaningful activities that you do and how they shape you!</i>	10%
Group Check-ins <i>Peer-to-peer conversations with your fellow classmates</i>	10%
Quiz 1, 2 & 3 <i>Short 10 question quiz consists of multiple choice and fill in the blank</i>	30%
Occupational Journal and Summary (Final) <i>In-class journal reflections on weekly topics + short summary of semester reflection</i>	25%
In-class participation	15%
TOTAL	100%

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Day	Topic
1	Mon, 8/21	Course introduction and Overview
2	Mon, 8/28	Understanding the complexities of occupations (meaningful activities)
3	Mon, 9/4	No class – Labor Day
4	Mon, 9/11	Occupation and meaning & History through the Lens of an OT
5	Mon, 9/18	Occupation and Time
6	Mon 9/25	How Occupations Change Over One’s Life Span pt 1
7	Mon, 10/2	How Occupations Change Over One’s Life Span pt 2
8	Mon, 10/9	How to think like an OT
9	Mon, 10/16	Occupation and Environment
10	Mon, 10/23	Occupation and Stress
11	Mon, 10/30	Occupation and Sensory Integration
12	Mon, 11/6	Occupation and Adaptation
13	Mon, 11/13	Occupation and Culture
14	Mon, 11/20	Occupation and Health
15	Mon, 11/27	Class Wrap-up
Finals week	Fri, 12/8	Final

Note: In order to optimize the learning experiences, the course instructor reserves the right to amend the syllabus as needed throughout the semester.

Please reach out with any questions! Can’t wait to have you in class.

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