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**PSYCHOLOGY 3980**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**Group Research Project**

**Major Project: (30%: Presentation 20%, Annotated Bibliography 10%)**

Environmental Psychology is an enormous area of study. The field is concerned with how organisms interact with their surrounding environments. This includes how these interactions affect the behaviour of organisms physically, psychologically and socially as well as how organism behaviour affects surrounding environments.

Because Environmental Psychology spans such a broad spectrum of topics, one way of getting exposed to specific issues in environmental psychology that may be of interest to you personally is by researching a topic within the field.

**Working in groups of 3-4 max**, select one of the following topics, and research it using online sources, print and AV material in the KPU Library and present your findings to the class in a 20 min PowerPoint presentation.

Grades for the project will be based on your in-class presentation and your PowerPoint submission (20%), in addition to your annotated bibliography (10%). **Group presentations will take place on August 10 and 17.** Attendance will be taken on both days and **your group's PowerPoint and annotated bibliography must be submitted by the end of class on August 17.**

The PowerPoint should be emailed to the course director (**no other presentation formats will be accepted other than PowerPoint**) and the **annotated bibliography should be submitted to your course director both electronically and in hard copy, stapled.** Late submissions will be graded accordingly.

The annotated bibliography will provide a 1 paragraph summary for each of the major references you used to carry out your research and assemble your presentation. Reference sources can include scholarly journals, books, magazine and newspaper articles, websites and AV material such as documentaries. Using APA style referencing to convey your information sources, provide a minimum of 5 annotated summaries for your research.

If there is something your group would like to research that is not included in the following list, please discuss it with your instructor as a possible topic.

**Suggested Topics:**

- Environmental design in relation to a **specialized setting for a particular user group**. This could include an educational setting for pre-school students, a seniors' facility, etc.
- Universal Design
- Crime prevention by environmental design
- Living and working in an unusual or extreme environment, for example, polar expeditions, extended space exploration, maritime operations, aviation etc. .
- Sustainability – what is it?
- Creating to pro-environment, green and sustainable behaviours
- Environmental economics and pro-environment business models
- Urban transit
- Cultural differences in perceptions of the environment
- Therapeutic uses of nature and restorative environments
- Transitioning from a carbon based economy