

PSY 320 Personality - Syllabus

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Text:

Mischel, W., Shoda, Y., & Smith, R. E. (2004). *Introduction to personality: Toward an Integration (7th Edition)*. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Description:

This course covers the structure, development, expression, and measurement of the normal personality. The course considers major personality theories, methods of psychotherapy, ideal models of human living, and the mature personality.

Goals:

This course will introduce you to several important theories of personality. In doing so, we will examine three interrelated areas of personality theory and application:

- The basic tenets of each theory.
- The nature of evidence used to support each perspective.
- How each theory applies to understanding the individual (you).

Class Policies:

Attendance & Participation

I expect you to attend all class periods. If you miss more than one class, please come and see me as soon as possible. *I reserve the right to adjust your final grade based on your attendance and class participation.*

Honor Code

All work submitted in this course should represent completely independent work. No part of your examinations or papers may be shared with other

students in this class or students in future classes. Although you are encouraged to discuss and share ideas among your colleagues, make sure the final product (test or paper) is your own work. Failure to adhere to this honor code will result in an automatic failing grade.

Extensions & Late Papers

All projects are due at the beginning of class on the assigned dates. Any paper coming in after the beginning of class will be late and 20% will be deducted from the total available points. Papers more than one day late will not be accepted unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor in advance.

General Paper Format

- Papers must be typed – double spaced
- Use a standard font (Arial, Times Roman, etc.)
- Use a standard (12 point) print size
- Cover page (title, name, & date centered on page)
- Page numbers in the upper right hand corner
- Reference section starting on a new page (where appropriate)
- Staple your papers (do not use a report cover or other binding)

Evaluation:

Exams

You will experience three exams custom-designed for this class by your professor. Each exam will be worth 130 points for a grand total of 390 exam points. All exams will consist of definition/example, short answer, and essay questions.

The Book Review

An important component of this class will be your term project. For this project, you will enjoy reading and commenting on a book by a Personality theorist. This project will be worth 50 points.

Project Presentation

During the 10th week of the term, you will present the results of your term project to the class. In developing this presentation, you will work with other members of the class who read the same book. Presentations will be in a **Poster** format. More information about the style and content of the poster will be presented in class. In addition to making the poster, each team will prepare a one to two page highlight summary of their text and make copies for each member of the class. This project will be worth 10 points.

Short Papers

During this course, you will write ten short papers each worth 5 points. Descriptions of the paper requirements are posted on Blackboard.

Grades

Percentage	Grade	Grade Points
93% - 100%	A	4.00
90% - 92%	A-	3.70
87% - 89%	B+	3.30
83% - 86%	B	3.00
80% - 82%	B-	2.70
77% - 79%	C+	2.30
73% - 76%	C	2.00
70% - 72%	C-	1.70
60% - 69%	D	1.00
0% - 59%	OOPS	0.00

Course Schedule:

Week	Topic	Reading	Assignments
1	Introduction to Personality	1, 2	Friday: P ¹
2	Psychodynamic Perspectives	5, 6	Friday: P2
3		7	Friday: P3
4	Trait-Dispositional Perspectives	3, 4	Monday: E²1 Friday: P4
5		14,15	Friday: P5
6	Phenomenological Humanistic Perspectives	8,9	Friday: P6
7	Behavioral Perspectives	10,11	Monday: E2 Friday: P7
8	Social-Cognitive Perspectives	12, 13	Friday: P8
9		16,17	Friday: P9
10	Integration	18	Monday: BR³ Friday: P10 & Presentations
11	Final Exam (Monday 8:00 am)		

¹ P = Paper

² E = Exam

³ BR = Book Review