

SYLLABUS

Psychology 351
Psychology of Personality
Fall 2008
HH 214 MWF 9:00 - 9:50

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Course Description: The goal of this course is to acquaint you with the major theories of human personality development and assessment. I will present a series of lectures and videos providing an overview of these theories. This course is focused on normal personality development and is not intended to be a study of personality disorders, though these may be discussed in the context of variations in personality style. There will be material presented in class which will not be in your textbook, so it will be important to attend class and take notes. The following textbook has been assigned.

Cloninger, S. (2008). Theories of Personality, 5th Edition.
Prentice Hall.

There is a required student packet, which includes terminology and lecture outlines.

Grades will be computed as follows: There will be two in-class midterms, each worth 100 points. There will be a comprehensive final (worth 200 points). The final and the midterms will include a combination of true/false, multiple choice, and short-answer questions, and will include material from both lectures and the assigned text. Extra credit assignments may be given in class at my discretion. Grading is as follows:

370-400 = A
355-369 = A-
345-354 = B+
315-344 = B
305-314 = B-
295-304 = C+
265-294 = C
255-264 = C-
240-254 = D
<240 = F

Week		Reading
1	9/3	Introduction and class requirements
	9/5	What is personality and why do we need a theory? History of personality theory
		Chap. 1
2	9/8	Research methods
		Chap. 1
	9/10-12	Psychoanalytic theory - Freud
		Chap. 2
3	9/15	Psychodynamic processes
	9/17	Video - Dream Analysis
	9/19	Psychodynamic Assessment
4	9/22	Video - Psychodynamic assessment
	9/24-26	Other psychodynamic theorists
		Chap. 3,4,5,6
5	9/29	Other psychodynamic theorists
	10/1	Review
	10/3	Midterm #1
7	10/6-8	Phenomenological theories
		Chap. 13,14,15
	10/10	Video - Carl Rogers
8	10/13	Assessment in phenomenology
	10/15-17	Trait theories
		Chap. 7,8
9	10/20-24	Assessment of individual differences
10	10/27	Video - Intelligence Testing
	10/29	Review
	10/31	Midterm #2
11	11/3-5	Behavioral approaches
		Chap. 10,11
	11/7	Assessing behavior
12	11/10	Assessing Behavior

	11/12	Changing Behavior	
	11/14	Cognitive Theory	Chap. 12
13	11/17	Cognitive Theory	
	11/19	Video - The Self	
	11/21	Self Control	
14	11/24-26	Biology of Personality	Chap. 9
	11/28	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	
15	12/1	Feminist theory, integrative theory	Chap. 17
	12/3-5	Video review of all theories	
16	12/8-10	Review	
	12/12	Q & A session	

FINAL 12/17/08 8:00-10:00