



Department of Psychology
Psychology 383 (L60) – Personality
Summer 2010 – Course Outline

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Course Description and Goals

The purpose of this course is to familiarize the student with the main theories, concepts and research strategies that characterize the field of personality. Five major paradigms will be examined: (1) Psychodynamic; (2) Family, Society, and Culture; (3) Traits and the heritability of behavior; (4) Phenomenology and humanism; (5) Behaviorism, Social Learning, and Social Cognitive Learning. We will examine theories which are representative of each paradigm and we will evaluate their strengths and weaknesses. Toward the end of the course we will focus on some contemporary issues and future directions.

Prerequisites

Psychology 205 – Principles of Psychology or equivalent

Required Text

Crowne, Douglas P. (2009). Personality theory (2nd Ed.). Toronto: Oxford University Press. (The textbook is available at the U of C bookstore)

Evaluation

The exam format will be entirely multiple choice.

Midterm #1: 30% Chapters 1 – 4, 6, and lectures, 75 minutes.

Midterm #1 is Wednesday, July 14 2010, first half of the lecture

Midterm #2: 30% Lecture on Object Relations Theory, Chapters 7, 5, 9, 8, 16, and lectures, 75 minutes.

Midtem #2 is Wednesday, July 28 2010, first half of the lecture

Final Exam: 40% All material covered in the course, with a strong emphasis on Chapters 11 to 15, and chapter 17 and lectures (including the video: The Human Experiments), 2 hours.

Grading Scale

A+	96-100%	B+	80-84%	C+	67-71%	D+	54-58%
A	90-95%	B	76-79%	C	63-66%	D	50-53%
A-	85-89%	B-	72-75%	C-	59-62%	F	0-49%

As stated in the University Calendar, it is at the instructor's discretion to round off either upward or downward to determine a final grade when the average of term work and final examinations is between two letter grades.

In this course there will be no rounding up of final grades, especially in light of the opportunities students have to increase their final grade via research participation.

Tentative Lecture Schedule

Date	Topic/Activity/Readings/Due Date	
M Jul 5	Introduction – Contemporary study of personality Psychoanalysis – Freudian Model (1)	Ch. 1 Ch. 2-3
W Jul 7	Psychoanalysis – Freudian Model (2)	Ch. 3
F Jul 9	Last day to drop a course with no W grade and tuition refund. Last day for registration/change of registration.	
M Jul 12	Carl Jung's analytic psychology Neo-Freudians - Alfred Adler	Ch. 4 Ch. 6
W Jul 14	Mid-Term #1 Neo-Freudians –Sullivan, Horney, Fromm	Ch. 7
M Jul 19	Ego Psychology – Hartmann, Erickson Object Relations Theory: Fairbairn, Mahler, Kohut, Bowlby	Ch. 5
W Jul 21	Trait theories	Ch. 9
M Jul 26	Trait theory and personality disorders Evolutionary psychology, genetics, and personality	Ch. 8 (part) Ch. 16
W Jul 28	Mid-term #2 Video: The Human Behavior Experiments	No readings
M Aug 2	Alberta Heritage Day. No lectures. University closed.	
W Aug 4	Phenomenology and Humanism: Rogers, Maslow, Kelly	Ch. 11
M Aug 9	Learning theory: Dollard and Miller, BF Skinner	Ch. 12 - 13
W Aug 11	Social Learning Theory: Rotter Social Cognitive Theory: Bandura and Mischel	Ch. 14 Ch. 15
M Aug 16	Social Cognitive theories: additional concepts, strengths and weaknesses Commonalities and controversies, question period	Ch. 15 Ch. 17
T Aug 17	Last day to withdraw.	
W Aug 18 – F Aug 20	Final exam (scheduled by the Registrar).	

Reappraisal of Grades

A student who feels that a piece of graded term work (e.g., term paper, essay, test) has been unfairly graded, may have the work re-graded as follows. The student shall discuss the work with the instructor within 15 days of being notified about the mark or of the item's return to the class. If not satisfied, the student shall immediately take the matter to the Head of the department offering the course, who will arrange for a reassessment of the work within the next 15 days. The reappraisal of term work may cause the grade to be raised, lowered, or to remain the same. If the student is not satisfied with the decision and wishes to appeal, the student shall address a letter of appeal to the Dean of the faculty offering the course within 15 days of the unfavourable decision. In the letter, the student must clearly and fully state the decision being appealed, the grounds for appeal, and the remedies being sought, along with

any special circumstances that warrant an appeal of the reappraisal. The student should include as much written documentation as possible.

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. Consequently, plagiarism or cheating on any assignment is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense. Plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Students should examine sections of the University Calendar that present a Statement of Intellectual honesty and definitions and penalties associated with Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct.

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than 14 days after the start of this course.

Absence From A Test/Exam

Makeup tests/exams are NOT an option without an official University medical excuse (see the University Calendar). A completed Physician/Counselor Statement will be required to confirm absence from a test/exam for health reasons; the student will be required to pay any cost associated with this Statement. Students who miss a test/exam have 48 hours to contact the instructor and to schedule a makeup test/exam. Students who do not schedule a makeup test/exam with the instructor within this 48-hour period forfeit the right to a makeup test/exam. At the instructor's discretion, a makeup test/exam may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from a regularly scheduled test/exam. Except in extenuating circumstances (documented by an official University medical excuse), a makeup test/exam must be written within 2 weeks of the missed test/exam.

Course Credits for Research Participation (Max 2% of final grade)

Students in most psychology courses are eligible to participate in Departmentally approved research and earn credits toward their final grades. **A maximum of two (2) credits (2%) per course, including this course, may be applied to the student's final grade. Students earn 0.5% (0.5 credits) for each full 30 minutes of participation.** The demand for timeslots may exceed the supply in a given term. Thus, students are not guaranteed that there will be enough studies available to them to meet their credit requirements. Students should seek studies early in the term and should frequently check for open timeslots. Students can create an account and participate in Departmentally approved research studies at <http://ucalgary.sona-systems.com>. The last day to participate in studies and to assign or reassign earned credits to courses is **Aug 16th, 2010**.

Evacuation Assembly Point

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course.

Student Organizations

Psychology students may wish to join the Psychology Undergraduate Students' Association (PSYCHS). They are located in Administration 170 and may be contacted at 403-220-5567.

Student Union VP Academic: Phone: 403-220-3911 suvpaca@ucalgary.ca

Student Union Faculty Rep.: Phone: 403-220-3913 socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course with no "W" notation and **still receive a tuition fee refund** is **Jul 9th, 2010**. Last day for registration/change of registration is **Jul 9th, 2010**. The last day to withdraw from this course is **Aug 17th, 2010**.