

PS 361: Personality
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PPHAC 227

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M/W 5b

Course Overview: The course has been designed to approach the study of personality at both the theoretical and applied levels of analysis. We will examine the works of a wide range of theorists, with a focus on psychoanalytic, behavioral/social learning, humanistic, trait and cognitive approaches to personality. After learning about a given theorist's approach, we will apply this knowledge in various ways including through class discussion and activities and by taking a number of personality measures.

Course Objectives:

1. To become comfortable in discussing and thinking about personality using different theoretical perspectives.
2. To develop an awareness of the interesting contemporary research that is being conducted based on the various theories of personality.
3. To learn how theoretical personality constructs are measured, using a variety of psychological assessment devices.
4. To become experienced in the use of library resources and literature search strategies while collecting references for your review of an area of contemporary research on personality.

Required Readings:

Burger, Jerry M. (2004) Personality: Theory and Research (6th ed.) Belmont, Calif.: Wadsworth/Thompson Learning.

Ashcraft, Donna (2006) Personality Theories Workbook (3rd ed.) Belmont, Calif.: Thompson/Wadsworth.

Students Please Note: I reserve the right to modify the class schedule/syllabus as needed to keep the course flowing smoothly. Only under extreme circumstances (e.g. multiple cancellations due to severe weather) will I change due dates for major assignments or exams.

Course Requirements:

Exams (2 in class exams)	30% (15% each)
Literature Review	20%
Attendance, Assignments, Participation	25%
Final Exam	25%
[15% last 1/3 of course; 10% open book cumulative]	

Explanation of Course Requirements and Grading:

- (1) Both *in class exams* will be approximately 60% multiple choice and 40% essay. Neither of the two regular exams will be cumulative. However, should a student miss an exam or wish to raise a low grade, he or she will take a *cumulative final*. The score obtained on the cumulative final will then count twice. Once as the final exam and also as a replacement for the missed or low scoring exam.
- (2) The *final exam* will include a closed book portion of the material from the final third of the course. There will also be an open-book cumulative portion, which will be discussed in greater detail well in advance of the exam.
- (3) The paper will be a *literature review* based on no fewer than 5 articles from the psychological literature on Personality. Your text provides many examples of interesting areas of research which may serve as your starting point. Pay careful attention to the deadlines for various phases of the paper research and writing process. Missing deadlines will result in 3 points per day deducted from the Attendance/Assignments/Participation grade. Late papers will be accepted with a penalty of 3 points per day deducted from the literature review grade. Instructions on the process of researching and writing the literature review will be distributed in class. Papers based upon unapproved reference lists will not be accepted.
- (4) *Attendance, Assignments and Participation* will make up the final 25% of your grade. I will keep track of *attendance* by asking you to sign an attendance sheet each day. Please be aware that since attendance is a part of your grade, signing another student in, or asking another student to sign you in, is a breach of Academic Honesty. The attendance portion of this grade will start at 100 points and will be reduced by 4 points for an unexcused absence, 2 points with a valid excuse (e.g. doctor's note, note from other professor or from Student Services). Library *assignments* completed correctly and on time will count toward this grade, as will completed answer sheets for the various personality tests you take. Completing the research chapter summary sheets will also serve as part of this grade. (Note: I will collect the raw, unscored data sheets for the personality tests. Your profile on the test is your private property to be shared with me only if you desire.) Your *participation* grade will be based on your group discussions of the cases in the workbook. These cases are assigned in your syllabus, and will be discussed on the

date they are due. Groups will be assigned randomly, and will be reassigned when we complete one half of the discussions. Peer grading will be used to determine this part of your grade.

- (5) **Extra Credit:** You may earn up to 6 extra points, which will be applied to your lowest test grade. Completing the short self tests in your book and submitting a paragraph on what your score means (in the context of the theory) is worth 1 point each. Reading and completing a green sheet for a research area **not** assigned (from Chapters 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 or 16) is worth *up to* 3 points.

Calculating your Grade:

To calculate your final grade, I first add any extra credit points earned and then weight each grade according to the percentages given above. For example, if an exam is worth 15% and you score an 80 on it, I multiply (.15) (80) for a point total of 12. Adding these points together for all the grading components listed above will give you your final grade for the course (out of 100 points). These points are then converted to a letter grade as follows:

92.6-100	=	A
89.6 – 92.5	=	A-
86.6– 89.5	=	B+
82.6 – 86.5	=	B
79.6 – 82.5	=	B-
76.6 – 79.5	=	C+
72.6 – 76.5	=	C
69.6 – 72.5	=	C-
66.6 – 69.5	=	D+
62.6 – 66.5	=	D
60.0 – 62.5	=	D-
less than 60.0	=	F

Blackboard:

Please logon to Blackboard for this course right away (password is *freud*). In addition to posting my office hours and reminders, I will post the syllabus and other important handouts. I will also post your grades (but please be forewarned that I can get up to a week behind with this due to the volume of grades across all my classes. However, I will do my best to keep up with it!)

Students Please Note: It is within the course instructor’s purview to use qualitative judgments in the assignment of grades. If at any time you have questions about where you stand in the course, please come see me.

Academic Honesty:

Moravian has an official policy on Academic Honesty. The policy appears in your student handbook and is also available from the Academic Dean's office. Be sure you understand the definition of plagiarism. The Psychology Department requires that APA format be used for referencing. I will be happy to clarify any points you may not understand.

Office Hours: M 10:30-11:30am & 2-3pm
 W 2-4pm
 Th 3-4pm *or by appointment*

Please see Blackboard for any weekly revisions to office hours.

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e-mail is the preferred means of contacting me. Phone messages will be returned via e-mail, except for special circumstances. If you are using an e-mail address other than your college address, please let me know what it is.

Class Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignment DUE</u>
(1) Tue 8/29	Personality: An Overview	None
(2) Thu 8/31	Evidence-based Decision Making & Introduction to the Literature Review	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 1 Work on Long topic list
(3) Tue 9/5	Library Research Class	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 2 <i>Long Topic List DUE</i>
(4) Thu 9/7	<u>Psychoanalysis</u> : Freud	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 3 pp. 41-51
(5) Tue 9/12	Freud (cont.)	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 3, pp. 51-61; 66-70 <i>Topic handout DUE</i>

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(6) Thu 9/14	Freud (cont.) *Research Summary Sheets due at exam.	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 4 Dream Interp., pp. 71-78 *Defense Mech., pp. 78-84 Humor, pp. 84-89 *Hypnosis, pp. 89-97
(7) Tue 9/19	Freud (cont.) Case discussions	<u>Wkbk</u> , Case #2 (Freud) <i>and</i> Handout: "Girl Who Couldn't Breathe" Begin work on Reference Sheet when topic is approved
(8) Thu 9/21	<u>Neo-Freudians</u> : Jung	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 5, pp. 99-101; 106-110
(9) Tue 9/26	Jung (cont.)	<i>Scored Myers Briggs test DUE today</i> <u>Burger</u> , Chap. 5, pp. 130-134
(10) Thu 9/28	Jung (cont.)	<i>Reference sheet DUE today</i> <u>Wkbk</u> Case #4 (Jung)
(11) Tue 10/3	<u>Neo-Freudians</u> : Erikson	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 5, pp. 110-117 <i>Scored MPD DUE today</i>
(12) Thu 10/5	EXAM #1 (Through Jung: 9/28)	Prepare for Exam
<i>Fall Break --- Enjoy!</i>		
(13) Thu 10/12	<u>Neo-Freudians</u> : Adler	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 5, pp. 101-105 <u>Wkbk</u> . Case #6 (Erikson)
(14) Tue 10/17	<u>Social-Analysts</u> : Sullivan	<u>Wkbk</u> Case #7 (Adler) <u>Burger</u> , Chap. 5, pp. 121-125; <u>Burger</u> , Chap. 6, pp. 138-146 <i>(Anxiety & Coping)</i>
(15) Thu 10/19	<u>Social-Analysts</u> : Horney	<u>Wkbk</u> . Case #13 (Sullivan) <u>Burger</u> , Chap. 5, pp. 117-121, 134-135; Chap. 6, pp. 155-163 <i>(Attachment Style)</i>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignment DUE</u>
(16) Tue 10/24	Overview: Trait Theories (New discussion groups assigned: Peer grading forms)	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 7, pp.164-168, pp. 183-189 <u>Burger</u> , Chap. 8, pp. 236-243 <i>(Optimism/Pessimism)</i>
(17) Thu 10/26	<u>Traits</u> : Allport	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 7, pp. 168-173 <u>Wkbk</u> Case #10 (Horney)
(18) Tue 10/31	<u>Traits</u> : Allport & Murray	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 7, pp. 173-174 Chap. 8, pp. 221-227 (<i>Social Anxiety</i>) <i>Last Date for Approval of Final Reference List</i>
(19) Thu 11/2	<u>Traits</u> : Cattell & The Big 5	<i>Scored 16PF DUE today</i> <u>Burger</u> , Chap. 7, pp. 175-183, 199-201
(20) Tue 11/7	<u>Behaviorism</u> :Overview & Skinner	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 13, pp. 372- 383
(21) Thu 11/9	EXAM #2 (Erikson through Cattell & Big 5)	Prepare for exam
(22) Tue 11/14	<u>Behaviorism</u> : Skinner (cont.)	Work on Literature review
(23) Thu 11/16	<u>Social Learning</u> : Bandura	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 13, pp. 383- 393, 397-399, 403-407 <u>Wkbk</u> Case #23 (Skinner) Chap. 14, pp. 428-434 <i>(Learned Helplessness)</i>
(24) Tue 11/21	<u>Social Learning</u> : Bandura & Rotter	<i>Lit Review Paper</i> <i>DUE today</i> <u>Wkbk</u> : Case #26 (Bandura)
<i>Thanksgiving Break --- Enjoy!</i>		
(25) Tue 11/28	<u>Humanism</u> : Overview & Maslow	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 11, pp. 302- 307; 312-323 <u>Burger</u> , Chap. 14, pp. 434- 441 (<i>Locus of Control</i>)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignment DUE</u>
(26) Thu 11/30	<u>Humanism: Rogers</u>	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 11, pp.307-312; pp. 327-334 <u>Burger</u> , Chap. 12, pp. 337-348 (<i>Self Disclosure</i>)
(27) Tue 12/5	<u>Humanism: Rogers</u> (cont.) <u>Cognitive: Kelly</u>	REP test DUE today <u>Wkbk</u> Case #17 (Rogers) <u>Burger</u> , Chap. 12, pp. 355-364 (<i>Self Esteem</i>)
(28) Thu 12/7	<u>Cognitive: Kelly</u> (cont.) Peer Grading Forms (Second half of course)	<u>Burger</u> , Chap. 15, pp. 443-449, 464-468 <u>Burger</u> , Chap. 16, pp. 472-479 (<i>Freudian Constructs Revisited</i>) <u>Wkbk</u> Case # 22 (Kelly)

Final Exam: [Scheduled by the Registrar] Skinner through Kelly