

Syllabus Personality

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Who

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When/where

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Office location TA: 202C Institute for Health, 112 Paterson Street, New Brunswick

- The TA is in charge of copying and grading the exams.
- The TA will have the physical exams.
- If you wish to see your exam (and this is a very good idea) then you must visit the TA during her office hours.

Note on email

- If you ask a question for which the answer is in the syllabus or in the announcements on Sakai, I will in all likelihood NOT reply to your email.
- If it's a minor issue, ask me before/after class.
- On other issues, I will try to get back to you within 3 days. Any emails sent at unearthly hours may not get read before class, keep it in mind.
- Also, please remember to SIGN (that means first and last name) your emails. I don't know, nor will I expend any effort to find out who dotty@dotmail is. You also need to indicate in EVERY email WHICH CLASS and WHICH SECTION you are in, as I have 500+ students in several different classes and sections. ***If you forget to indicate your name, your class, or your section I am unlikely to reply to your email. (this applies all the way to the end of the semester).***

What

The goal of this course is for you to develop a mental 'model' of how humans function psychologically. We will learn different theories of personality and what aspects of human psychological functioning they (attempt to) explain and what the major contributions of these theories to the field of personality are, and. We will look at how personality is assessed by

researchers who take the various perspectives on personality. We will also look at how the different approaches can help with various types of psychological dysfunction.

Required Readings

Available at the Livingston bookstore

- Perspectives on Personality (7th edition) - 2011, by Charles Carver and Michael Scheier.
- You can buy the hardback, or the looseleaf or some obscure international edition that you are not supposed to be able to buy in the US. Rent it, borrow it, whatever.
- There will be a number of copies of the book on reserve in the Kilmer library.
- Make sure you have access to the book, it is necessary for doing well in the class.

Optional

- A Turning Technologies clicker, this is to respond in class to clicker questions. Not required, but HIGHLY recommended.

Class Website

- The class has a Sakai website which you should have access to if you are enrolled in the course.
- MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THAT YOU CAN ACCESS OUR SITE, AND KEEP AN EYE ON ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SITE.
- The class slides (which are only an outline of the material covered) will be posted on Sakai. Posting may take place before or after the class, I know you want them before but that is not always possible. Please don't send me emails suggesting how much better it would be if the powerpoints were posted beforehand, I am not all that big a fan of posting the slides in the first place.
- Announcements will also be posted here if there are changes to the schedule.

Tentative Class Schedule

Week	Dates	Topic	Readings
1	Thu, Sept. 5	Introduction to class	Get the book
2	Mon, Sept. 9	Personality, theory	Ch. 1
	Thu, Sept. 12	Methods	Ch. 2
3	Mon, Sept. 16	Methods/Issues	Ch. 3
	Thu, Sept. 19	Issues	
4	Mon, Sept. 23	Traits	Ch. 4
	Thu, Sept. 26	NO CLASS	
5	Mon, Sept. 30	Traits	Ch. 6
	Thu, Oct. 3	Traits/Genetics	

6	Mon, Oct. 7	Genetics, evolution	Ch. 7
	Thu, Oct. 10	Evolution/biological	
7	Mon, Oct. 14	EXAM 1	Chs.1-4, 6
	Thu, Oct. 17	Biological processes	
8	Mon, Oct. 21	Motives	Ch. 5
	Thu, Oct. 24	Motives	
9	Mon, Oct. 28	Learning	Ch. 10
	Thu, Oct. 31	Learning	
10	Mon, Nov 4	Cognitive processes	Ch. 12
	Thu, Nov. 7	Cognitive models	
11	Mon, Nov. 11	EXAM 2	Chs. 5, 7, 10, 12
	Thu, Nov. 14	Psychoanalytic views	Ch. 8
12	Mon, Nov. 18	Psychosexual development	
	Thu, Nov. 21	Self-actualization	Ch. 11
13	Mon, Nov. 25	Defense of self	
	Tue, Nov. 26	Self-regulation	Ch. 13
14	Mon, Dec. 2	Self-regulation	
	Thu, Dec. 5	Psychosocial development	Ch. 9
15	Mon, Dec. 9	Psychosocial	
15	Study		
16	Tue, Dec. 17 12 – 1:30 pm	FINAL EXAM	Chs. 8,9,11,13

What makes the grade?

(1) Exams

- There will be three non-cumulative exams. Two exams during the semester and a final exam. Material covered in each exam is indicated below. The two exams during the semester will be held in our normal location. The final exam will be held in our normal location, unless you get email/Sakai notification to the contrary.
- There will be non-cumulative make-up exams ONLY for those who present a doctor's note or a Dean's note within a week of the missed exam to the instructor.

Exam 1:	covers Chapters 1-4, 6	33.3% of grade
Exam 2:	covers Chapters 5, 7, 10, 12	33.3% of grade
Final exam:	covers Chapters Chs. 8, 9, 11, 13	33.3% of grade

- *If* you have a conflict for the final exam, which is defined as follows by SAS:
 - More than two (2) final exams on one calendar day
 - More than two (2) final exams scheduled in consecutive periods (ex: A student has exams scheduled for 4:00-7:00 pm and 8:00-11:00 pm on one day and 8:00-11:00 am on the following day.)
 - Two final exams scheduled for the same exam period.
- *Then* you are allowed to ask for a makeup on the basis of conflict.

- In order to obtain it, you need to go to <http://finalexams.rutgers.edu> and log in (it's at the top of the page). Print out your final exam schedule and only then come to me. You should actually be able to do this on the first day that your schedule is finalized. The day before the exam conflict is TOO LATE to come asking for a makeup!
- Exam characteristics:
 - 50 Multiple choice questions
 - Covers lecture and book
 - Not the easiest

(2) Extra Credit

- There will be extra credit in the form of clicker questions during class. The total possible extra credit is 5 course points (i.e. half a letter grade).
- For each day there are clicker questions – you earn a percentage grade.
- At end of semester all percentage grades are averaged and multiplied by 5.
- Clicker questions start counting with the questions on Sept. 19. Days before then are to make sure your clicker works
- The spreadsheets showing responses during a class will be posted within 4 days of the class. It is your responsibility to check if your clicker answers registered. If it was a poll, it will just say if the clicker responded during class, and not indicate what responses were given.
- THERE IS NO OTHER EXTRA CREDIT

Grading Scale for letter grades end semester

A	90% or higher
B+	85% - 89%
B	80% - 84%
C+	75% - 79%
C	70% - 74%
D	60% - 69%
F	below 60%

Course Ground Rules

(a) In class

I really only want you in class if you are going to be paying some attention, so be so kind as to turn off your cell phone, and if you urgently need to have a conversation, or if you want to read the newspaper or do crosswords rather than be in class, you are free to do so, but go elsewhere.

(b) Academic dishonesty

You are required to abide by the Rutgers policy on academic integrity; please familiarize yourself with this policy, you can view it at <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/integrity.shtml>
Read the section on level three violations and the sanctions that follow!

Clicking for someone else's clicker counts as a violation of academic integrity!!!!

(c) Absences from class

It is your responsibility to arrange to obtain information (other than the downloadable class slides, and those are outlines) if you miss one or more classes. Please do not ask or send email to the professor or teaching assistant. If you can, arrange in advance for someone in the class that you know to take good notes for you. Most of the videos are not available for separate viewing. If there is a web version of the videos, I will post links on the sakai website, but you cannot count on being able to see all video material if you miss class.

(d) Missing an exam

You will be allowed to take a make-up exam if, within one week of the exam, you present a doctor's note or letter from your dean's office to the professor.

(a) For illnesses: I need a doctor's note to verify your illness. So if you get sick, *get a doctor's note.*

(b) For car accidents: the dean will most likely ask for a police report to verify that the accident took place.

(c) For personal or family emergencies: the dean will most likely require some verification of the emergency (such as a death certificate if a relative has died). If it is a personal issue of some other nature, it will be up to the judgment of the dean to determine whether or not you should be excused from the exam (and thus be allowed to take the make-up).

Basically folks: I need some paper documentation from you.

Note: Your decision to remain enrolled in the course after the first class session is your implicit agreement to abide by everything stated above.