

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Introduction to Personality Theory and Research

Course Number and Section:

PSYCHOL

2550A 550

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Course Description:

This course covers the history, methodology, and content of the study of personality and individual differences. Topics that will be covered in the course include an introduction to personality theories, an examination of frequently studied personality and individual difference variables, and a consideration of current research and assessment methods.

Learning Outcomes:

PERSONALITY THEORIES: By the end of this course students will be able to discuss, compare, and critically examine major personality theories and how they were developed, as well as how they are relevant to modern society and social concerns.

PERSONALITY TRAITS: By the end of this course students will understand and be able to compare and contrast commonly assessed personality traits and individual difference variables, and will also be able to discuss intrapersonal and interpersonal outcomes associated with these variables.

PERSONALITY RESEARCH: By the end of the course students will have a comprehensive understanding of how personality research in psychology is conducted, and be able to compare various personality assessment methods and personality-relevant research designs.

REAL WORLD APPLICATIONS: By the end of this course students will be able to understand how classroom material applies to real world outcomes and how classroom material connects to life experiences.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Title: Personality Psychology Domains of Knowledge about Human Nature

Authors: Randy J. Larsen, David M. Buss, David B. King

Edition: Third Canadian Edition (this edition is required)

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Midterm Exam	October 23, 2024	30%
Final Exam	Final Exam Period	35%
Research Proposal Idea	December 3, 2024	25%
Online Activities (5 total)	Throughout the course	10%

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