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PSY 240 Personality Psychology

Winter 2024

Course Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 56 hours

Instructor: TBA

Email: TBA

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course explores the field of Personality Psychology, examining the major theories, concepts, and research methods that contribute to our understanding of individual differences in behavior, emotion, and cognition. Topics include trait theories, psychoanalytic perspectives, humanistic theories, social-cognitive approaches, and contemporary research on personality.

Upon Completion of this Course, students will be able to:

1. Define and apply key personality concepts, terms, and theories;
2. Describe, analyze and compare the historical development and basic concepts of psychodynamic, trait, biological, humanistic, behavioral, and cognitive perspectives on personality;
3. Explain research methodology and the ability to evaluate the merit of personality studies;
4. Apply critical thinking, personality theories, and knowledge to real-life situations.

PREREQUISITES

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology

GRADING

Grades will be determined by accumulating points, with 100 points being the maximum, as follows:



ITEM	POINTS
2 Assignments	20 Points
2 Quizzes	20 Points
Midterm Exam	25 Points
Final Exam	35 Points
Total	100 Points

Late submissions will be graded at the end of the course. Grades will be assigned according to the following rule:

$A \geq 90 > B \geq 80 > C \geq 70 > D \geq 60 > F$.

We reserve the right to make adjustments to the overall grading policy.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required Texts:

Funder, D. C. (2015). *The Personality Puzzle: Seventh Edition*. WW Norton & Company.

Recommended (Optional) Texts or Other Materials:

None

COURSE TOPICS

MODULE	TASKS
Module 1	Topics: Topic 1: Introduction to Personality Topic 2: Personality Data and Assessment Topic 3: Research Methods in Personality Topic 4: Personality Traits Assessments: Assignment #1
Module 2	Topics: Topic 5: Personality Judgement Topic 6: Using Personality Traits to Understand Behavior Topic 7: Personality Stability Topic 8: Anatomy and Physiology of Personality Assessments: Quiz #1



Module 3	Topics: Topic 9: Genetics and Evolution: The Inheritance of Personality Topic 10: Basics of Psychoanalysis Topic 11: Psychoanalysis After Freud Topic 12: Humanistic Psychology Assessments: Assignment #2 Midterm Exam
Module 4	Topics: Topic 13: Positive Psychology Topic 14: Cultural Variations on Personality Topic 15: Behavior Topics Topic 16: Perception and Thought Assessments: Quiz #2
Module 5	Topics: Topic 17: Personality Processes: Learning, Motivation, Emotion, and Thinking Topic 18: Approaches to the Self Topic 19: Relationships and Business Topic 20: Mental and Physical Health Assessments: Final Exam

ATTENDANCE

1) Class attendance is required. Missing classes without permission will lead to decrease in overall grade.

Missing less than two classes: no penalty.

Missing more than two classes: 7% will be taken off from the overall grade.

If the instructor reports a student's frequent missing of class to the Soochow University Academic Administration Office, the student might get a written warning and might be prohibited from attending final exam.

2) Participants in this course are expected to arrive in class promptly and adequately prepared. The primary objective of this course is to critically engage with the readings and the subject matter. Therefore, course participants are expected to have completed the reading prior to class and prepare thoughtful reflections/commentaries to share with fellow colleagues.



LEARNING REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Late assignments are not acceptable and are subjected to grade deductions.
- 2) Assignments submitted in the wrong format will be counted as not submitted.
- 3) Failure to submit or fulfill any required course component results in failure of the class.
- 4) Make-up for midterm and final exams only with valid excuses, as defined by the University.
- 5) In order to earn a Certificate of Completion, participants must thoughtfully complete all assignments by stated deadlines and earn an average quiz score of 50% or greater.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The use of electronic devices in class is distracting, both for the user and for the rest of the class. Only non-programmable calculators can be used in the tests and exam. Any attempts to use cell phones and other electronic communication devices will be seemed as cheating. Laptops are discouraged, unless you use them for activities DIRECTLY related to the course (eg., note taking, reading course documents).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Soochow University highly values the academic integrity and aims to promote the academic fairness, honesty and responsibility. Any academic dishonesty behaviors and any attempts to cheats and plagiarism will be reported to the university administration office. A written warning and the relevant penalties will be imposed. The record might be shown on the official university transcript.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

Soochow University is committed to maintaining a barrier-free environment so that students with disabilities can fully access programs, courses, services, and activities at Soochow University. Students with disabilities who require accommodations for access to and/or participation in this course are welcome.

Note:

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learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material.