

Syllabus

Psychology B30: Introduction to Personality Psychology

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Course Description

This course provides an introduction to Personality Psychology. We will tackle one of the most intriguing areas of psychology by looking at the study of personality from several different perspectives. These include: dispositional, biological, psychoanalytic, neoanalytic, learning, cognitive, and phenomenological. The theories and supporting research from each of these perspectives will be examined.

Tuesday's class will involve a presentation of the text material for that week with appropriate added examples from outside sources. Thursday's class will be reserved for bi-weekly quizzes, question and answer, taking up the quizzes, and overflow from Tuesday lectures. You are strongly encouraged to attend both class periods as missed quizzes can not be made up. It is also a good idea to have the text material read for a give lecture ahead of time to facilitate your understanding.

Teaching Assistants: There will be ^{one} ~~two~~ teaching assistant associated with this course. ^{Janelle.} Bruce Oddson will be administering quizzes and answering question during the Thursday class period. Another TA yet to be named will be involved with the compilation of marks. I will give you that persons telephone number and office hours information as soon as they are available. Please note: all mark inquires should be directed to this TA first and then to me. This TA will also be involved in scheduling and administering make-up mid term exams.

Textbook. "Perspectives on Personality, 3rd edition" by Charles Carver and Michael Scheier. Note: I am not familiar with earlier editions of this text and would advise you to obtain this latest version. This is the only text associated with the course but we will be covering most of its contents. You will also be responsible for material covered in class that is not in the text but will be included in the lecture notes.

Evaluation. Final exam will be worth 50% of your mark, Midterm exam will be worth 40%, and your best ⁴ out of ~~6~~ Quizzes will be worth 10% (2% each). Note: the final will be held during the final exam period in April-May and will be based primarily on the second half of the course but may include some material from the first half (approx. 80% second half, 20% first half). The midterm is scheduled for Feb. 24th in Tuesday's class time, please be there on the hour if at all possible. The final and midterm will be in multiple choice format. Quizzes will involve 2 to 3 short answer questions on the material covered since the last quiz.

Personal Policy Notes that you may want to know.

- I. I do not move up exam or final marks past rounding to the nearest integer.
- II. Midterms and Final Exams can only be missed for extreme reasons and formal documentation explaining your absence is required and will be checked.
- III. I will not re-teach lecture material in my office hours but would be glad to direct students to the material posted on the Web-Page or print out a copy of the file for those that do not access the Web.
- IV. I will make every attempt to make this course material as informative and interesting as possible.

The B30 Webpage

For those who access the internet, I will be maintaining a webpage in support of the course. I will do my best to keep it up to date. The page is accessible through the following address:
<http://www.scar.utoronto.ca/~weeks/b30.htm>
The webpage will include this syllabus, course announcements, and importantly, my lecture notes (please note: I will not post my lecture notes for a given week until that material has been tested via a quiz). Therefore, E-copies of my notes will be available approximately 2 weeks after the given class. Marks will NOT be posted on this page. Also, the page has not yet been linked to the Psychology B30 prompt on the Scarborough Homepage so you will have to input the address specifically.

Tentative Schedule (may change slightly)

Week of:	Tuesday Class	Thursday Class
January 6	Syllabus Explained	Chapter #1 (Lecture)
January 13	Chapter's 2 & 3	Quiz #1
January 20	Chapter's 4 & 5	Overflow and Quiz #1 taken up
January 27	Chapter 6	Quiz #2
February 3	Chapter 7, some Chapt. 12	Quiz #2 taken up Quiz 2
February 10	Rest of 12 and Chapter 13	Quiz #3 No Quiz #3
February 24	Midterm Exam	No Class
March 3	Chapter's 8 & 9	Overflow, Quiz #3 taken up
March 10	Chapter's 10 & 11	Overflow, Quiz #4
March 17	Chapter 14, some Chapt. 15	Quiz #4 taken up.
March 24	Rest of 15, some 16	Quiz #5
March 31	Rest of 16, some 17	Quiz #5 taken up.
April 7	Rest of 17 and Review	Quiz #6, Question and Answer