

PSYB30

PERSONALITY

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This course is intended to introduce students to the scientific study of the whole person in biological, social, and cultural context. The ideas of classical personality theorists will be discussed in reference to findings from contemporary personality research.

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TEXTBOOK:

Larsen, R. J., & Buss, D. M. (2006). *Personality Psychology: Domains of Knowledge about Human Nature* (3rd Ed.). New York, NY: McGraw-Hill.

ONLINE RESOURCES:

Supplementary instructional resources (chapter overviews, web links, practice questions, etc.) can be accessed [here](#).

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

In-class midterm exam (lectures 2–5 & chapters 1–8)—40%.

Non-cumulative final exam (lectures 7–12 & chapters 9–20)—60%.

The midterm and final exams will consist of 80 and 120 multiple-choice questions, respectively (50% lectures & 50% readings). **There will be no make-up exams.**

Students who can show that extraordinary extenuating circumstances rendered them physically incapable of taking the midterm exam will be permitted to write a **cumulative final exam for 100%** of their grade. For more information concerning my policy on absences from term tests, please go to

<http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~fournier/termtestpolicy.html>.

(Please note that missing the midterm exam does not constitute a valid reason for late withdrawal from the course without academic penalty.)

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Week 1	—	Overview
Week 2	Chapters 1 & 2	Introduction
Week 3	Chapters 3 & 4	Personality Traits
Week 4	Chapters 5 & 6	Heritability & Continuity
Week 5	Chapters 7 & 8	Phylogenesis
Week 6	—	*Midterm*
Week 7	Chapters 9 & 10	Ontogenesis
Week 8	Chapters 11 & 13	Motivation & Emotion
Week 9	Chapters 12 & 14	The Self & Social Cognition
Week 10	Chapters 15 & 18	Personality & Social Interaction
Week 11	Chapters 16 & 17	Gender, Society, & Culture
Week 12	Chapters 19 & 20	Conclusion

NOTE: The schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.