

PSYB30H3 Personality SUMMER 2010

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CLASS TIMES: Lectures will be posted online in advance; you should watch **at least ONE** lecture per week to stay on pace, but check **BLACKBOARD** for more direction!
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IF YOU DO NOT HEAR BACK FROM ME within 24 HOURS, PLEASE CONTACT ME AGAIN

BLACKBOARD: The Blackboard Portal contains the course syllabus, the slides you see each week in class, any special notices and announcements, and your marks. The power point slides are not an adequate substitute for attending class, or viewing the lectures online.

*****YOU are responsible for checking BLACKBOARD frequently for the readings and critical class news/updates/information*****

TAs: **TBA: Each will have office hours that will be posted on Blackboard at the start of the course, along with their contact information**

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

Required Text: Engler, B. (2009). *Personality theories* (8th Ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, Cengage Learning.

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

Midterm Exam (TBA)	50%	Covering Chapters 1- 7
Final Exam (During Final Exam Period)	50%	Covering Chapters 8-16

Each **three-hour** exam is comprised of about **100 multiple choice questions**, with the Final Exam being **NON-CUMULATIVE**.

LECTURES/ WEBOPTION:

Developed by Prof. John Bassili (the Chair of the Department of Psychology), the WebOption allows students to view lectures online and offers flexibility and control in the learning process.

Lectures are first videotaped, then digitized and uploaded to the Web where they can be accessed by streaming video, enabling students to choose where, when, and how they view the lectures. Once lectures have been posted online they will remain up for the duration of the semester. Lectures will be posted as far ahead in advance as possible, so you can study ahead of schedule if you wish.

The original lectures were held once per week, thus you should watch **AT LEAST ONE LECTURE PER WEEK** to stay on schedule.

Note: students must be physically present at UTSC to write both the midterm and final exams.

I try not to rely too much on the textbook in my lectures because I aim to provide information stemming from my expertise that goes beyond the text or other materials you might be able to access on your own. I therefore advise you against attempting to use the textbook as a substitute for the lectures. Lectures are accompanied by PowerPoint slides that highlight each lecture's central points. You can download these slides before coming to class if doing so will help you to take better notes. However, there is more said in class than the points on these slides. I thus advise you against attempting to use the PowerPoint slides as a substitute for the lectures.

COURSE SCHEDULE: Although you should read the assigned chapters for each week in line with what is written below—in order not to fall behind and then have to cram for the exams—some topics will be presented in more detail than others in class and will thus sometimes continue into a subsequent lecture. There may be some slight changes made to the schedule; any such changes will be discussed ahead of time in class and stated on Blackboard.

Please note that these lectures were originally taped during a regular term that had the Midterm scheduled during lecture time. As a result, there are only 11 lectures. As alluded to above, your Midterm Exam date will be posted once it is arranged.

WEEK OF	TOPIC	OTHER DETAILS
May 3	Introduction to Personality Theories & Psychoanalysis	Chapters 1 & 2
May 10	Psychoanalysis Continued & Neopsychoanalysts: Analytical Psychology	Chapters 2 (cont'd) & 3
May 17	Neopsychoanalysts: Analytical Psychology cont'd & Interpsychic Theories	Chapters 3 (cont'd) & 4
May 24	Neopsychoanalysts: Interpsychic Theories cont'd & Psychoanalytic Social Psych	Chapters 4 (cont'd) & 5
May 31	Ego Analytic Psychology & Object Relations	Chapters 6 & 7
June 7	Behaviour and Learning Theories: Experimental Analysis of Behaviour	Chapter 8
June 14	Behaviour and Learning Theories cont'd: Social Learning Theories	Chapter 9
June 21	Dispositional & Biological Theories: Traits/Factor Analysis/Genes/Evolution	Chapters 10 & 11
June 28	“READING WEEK”	
July 5	Dispositional & Biological Theories cont'd: Biological Traits	Chapters 11 (cont'd) & 12
July 12	Humanistic & Existential Theories	Chapters 13 & 14
July 19	Cognitive Theories: Personal Constructs & Cognitive-Behavioural Theories	Chapters 15 & 16

Policies on academic integrity:

Please review the UTSC Code on Academic Behaviour:

http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/courses/calendar/University_of_Toronto_Policies.html#Code_of_Behaviour_on_Academic_Matters

AccessAbility:

Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. In particular, if you have a disability/health consideration that may require accommodations, please feel free to approach me and/or the AccessAbility Services Office as soon as possible. The UTSC AccessAbility Services staff (located in S302) are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations (416) 287-7560 or ability@utsc.utoronto.ca. The sooner you let us know your needs the quicker we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.