

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.

Class Times: N/A—lectures will remain posted online for the entire term

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TEXTBOOK:

McAdams, D. P. (2009). *The person: An introduction to the science of personality psychology* (5th Ed.). New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

90-min midterm exam (Ch. 1–6 & corresponding lectures)—50%

90-min non-cumulative final exam (Ch. 7–12 & corresponding lectures)—50%

Each exam will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions (50% lectures & 50% readings)

WEEK:	READING:	LECTURE:
Week 1	Chapter 1	Introduction
Week 2	Chapter 2	Human Evolution
Week 3	Chapter 3	Gender, Society, & Culture
Week 4	Chapter 4	History & Controversy of Trait Concepts
Week 5	Chapter 5	Contemporary Trait Taxonomies
Week 6	Chapter 6	Heritability & Continuity
Week 7	Chapter 7	Goals & Strivings
Week 8	Chapter 8	The Self & Social Cognition
Week 9	Chapter 9	Stages of Life-Span Development
Week 10	Chapter 10	Life Scripts & Life Stories
Week 11	Chapter 11	Myth & Narrative
Week 12	Chapter 12	Conclusion