PERSONALITY THEORY AND BEHAVIOUR DISORDERS

COURSE OUTLINE

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Secretary: Agnes Levstik BSB 281

Fridays – 11:30 – 2:20 Appointment: 1 hour before class in classroom

SEMINAR COURSE (3 HOURS PER WEEK)

Requirements: Two class presentations, one exam and one essay. Grading will be based on class
presentations, class discussion, exam, attendance and essay. There will be one formal exam at the end
of the course on text #2 (Disorders Without Borders, Dodo Bird Magic?)

Course Website: Moodle

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate in-depth knowledge in personality theory and behavior disorders.
2. Critically evaluate, synthesize and resolve conflicting results in personality theory and behavior
disorders.
3. Articulate trends personality theory and behavior disorders.
4. Locate research articles and show critical thinking about research findings in personality theory
and behavior disorders.
5. Express knowledge of in written form in more than 1 sub-discipline.
7. Demonstrate an ability to work with others.
Course Evaluations: TERM %

Seminar presentations - 25% (12.5% per term)
Class Participation and Discussions - 25 % (12.5% per term)
Winter Exam - 25% *open book, multiple choice
Written Assignment (Paper) - 25% (Due December 1)

Grading as per Senate Policy
The grading scheme for the course conforms to the 9-point grading system used in undergraduate programs at York (e.g., A+ = 9, A = 8, B+ - 7, C+ = 5, etc.). Assignments and tests* will bear either a letter grade designation or a corresponding number grade (e.g. A+ = 90 to 100, A = 80 to 90, B+ = 75 to 79, etc.)

(For a full description of York grading system see the York University Undergraduate Calendar - calendars.students.yorku.ca/2016-2017/academic-and-financial-information/academic-services/grades-and-grading-schemes

Course Prerequisite(s): Course prerequisites are strictly enforced.
- HH/PSYC 1010 6.00 (Introduction to Psychology), with a minimum grade of C.
- HH/PSYC 2021 3.00 (Statistical Methods I) or HH/PSYC 2020 6.00 (Statistical Methods I and II)
- HH/PSYC 2030 3.00 (Introduction to Research Methods) or substitutes
- HH/PSYC 2130 3.00 (Personality)
- HH/PSYC 3140 3.00 (Abnormal Psychology)
- Students must be in an Honours program in Psychology and have completed at least 84 credits (excluding (EDUC) education courses)

N.B. NO CELL PHONES IN THE CLASSROOM!!!

COMPULSORY TEXTS (NOT TO BE COPIED)

RECOMMENDED TEXT:
(At the Bookstore)
TERM #1

PSYCHOLOGY 4050 6.0 A

PERSONALITY THEORY AND BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS

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ORIENTATION

Friday, September 9 - “Evolutionary Roots” Lecture.
Luther, M. ‘Theory of Mind’

Friday, September 16 - The Psychodynamic Model of Personality
1. Luther, M. (Lecture) “Freud, Jones and Jung”
2. Funder, D. Freud & Jung chapters in text
3. Marchese, F. Coming into Being

Friday, September 23 – Biocentric Psychology- POSSIBLE TRIP TO HOCKLEY VALLEY

N.B.: Alternatively, there will be a ‘real’ study of Pioneer Village in-situ. Students will make a real 3-hr. visit to the site and take movies and photos of the premises. They will relate their experiences on the trip to the Naturalistic Biocentric lecture in the next class.

Friday, September 30 - ‘Naturalistic Biocentric Model’ Luther, M. (Lecture)
Relate trip(s) to this key concept/field. The Pioneer Village students will do a presentation individually of their analysis in the class with photos.

Friday, October 7- Early Trait Models
Funder, D. Adler, Mischel, Eysenck, (‘Trait’ chapters)
Friday, October 14 Learning Theory Models (Skinner, Pavlov, Wolpe)

Funder, D. ‘Learning Theory Models’ Chapter

Friday, October 21- Current Trait Theory (“Big Five” & “Five Factor”)

Funder, D. ‘Costa and McCrae’

Friday, October 28 –Co-curricular ‘Day Off’ (NO CLASS)

Friday, November 4 The Social Cognitive Models of Personality

Funder, D. ‘Bandura’s model’

Friday, November 11 Cognitive Models (Ellis, Beck, Burns, etc.)

Funder, D. (Cognitive chapter)

Friday, November 18 Depression, Anxiety and Coping

Funder, D. (Depression and anxiety chapters)

Friday, November 25 Humanistic Models

Funder, D. (Humanistic models)

Friday, December 2 Biological Causes of Illness

Funder, D. (Biological topics)
Term Paper #1 (See last page/rubric) (25%)

Model Comparisons: Compare 3 models of personality with your presentation topic.

The paper is 15-20 typed pages (APA style) on the Personality topic that is presented in class.

The paper includes ‘pros’ and ‘cons’ regarding the etiological models. You must defend a thesis (about your chosen model) or reject it. Internet info is strictly limited.

Link your “Theory of Mind” and “Naturalistic Biocentric Psychology” (Luther) chapters to your Conclusions. The list of Headings and subheadings (below) are crucial! Submit your readings with the paper. This is not a journalistic-style essay, nor a polemic; be objective and not narrative in style. Due last class in December, 2016. (See Rubric at back of outline).

PLAN:

A. Introduction to topic & thesis statement 1 page

B. History of Theorist(s) 1 page

C. Main Ideas of your chosen main model

2 pages

D. Comparisons of MODELS (i.e., 3 other models needed), (i.e., similarities & differences).* 8-10 pages

E. Theory of Mind (Luther Lecture) Link with YOUR model. 1 page

F. Biocentric/Naturalistic Psychology (Luther Lecture) 1 page

Link with your model.

G. Conclusions Pros and Cons of your model and others 2 pages

H. References APA style; reference every claim/fact. 1- 3 pages

N.B: AVOID USING POP. WEB MATERIAL! Use real books and articles. BUY A BOOK!

* These are not just summaries of each model

THE ESSAY FOR THE FIRST TERM IS DUE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES WILL BE ADDED DURING THE COURSE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. IN PRESENTING AND IN DOING THEIR PAPERS, STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE PRIMARY READING SOURCES FOR THE VARIOUS PERSONALITY
MODELS (E.G., SKINNER, FREUD, JUNG, ADLER, GOLDBERG, ETC.) AND AVOID RATHER USELESS ‘POP. PSYCH.’ INTERNET INFO. OR MAGAZINE ARTICLES.

SUPPLEMENTARY COURSE OUTLINE --PSYCHOLOGY 4050 6.0 B

Personality Theory and Behavioral Disorders – Winter 2017

Course Director – Professor Michael Luther

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Fridays 11:30-2:20

Required Text:

Luther, M., Allen, J., & Franklin, P. (2017). Disorders without borders: Dodo bird magic?

Concord ON: Captus Press.

Presentations:

The student will present on features of a personality variable (traits/characteristics) that he or she has chosen for the written assignment. The student will discuss issues regarding the history, implications for treatment, accommodations in society, and problematic diagnosis of the personality chosen. Please use a multimedia approach wherever possible.

Term #2

Seminar Presentations/CLASSES:

1) Term Orientation, Sign-up/Personality Tests (Dr. Luther)

2) Tests and checklists of Personality

3) Authoritarianism/Leftist, Sadomasochism (Nazis), Altruism, etc.

4) Sexual Sadism/Masochism, Paraphilias, etc.

5) Hysteria/Histrionic personality, DID/MPD, Hypocondriasis

6) False memory syndrome versus Recovered memory syndrome, PTSD.

7) Borderline, Stockholm Syndrome, Zombies, Collaborators/Kapos
8) Psychopathic (APD), Sociopathic, Terrorist/”Jihadists”.
9) Neuroses: Panic, Depression, Anxiety
10) Bipolar (or Hypomania), Cyclothymic, Child Manic Depression, etc.
11) Type A, Alpha-male, Narcissistic, Schizoid, Schizotypal, etc.
12) DSM ‘The Rejects’: Criminal, Nympho, Casanova Complex, etc,

**Participation:** Attendance is crucial; punctuality is necessary too.

**Winter Exam:** The exam will be an open book multiple choice exam based on the Luther text.

The exam will be worth 25% of your full term mark. The exam will be written during the exam schedule.

**PRESENTATION:**

In the Winter term the student will be expected to present on a topic in abnormal psychology and personality. The presentation will take approximately forty-five minutes to one hour. Please use a multimedia approach (Powerpoint, posters, music, DVD/VHS, handouts, role playing, etc.). The presentation should be attention-getting and informative. It should include a discussion and not just lecturing. Please be sure that everyone is ready and able to participate. Be assertive with the group, especially if you see some people sitting at the back wall with their smart phones - Take charge! Additionally, it is important to ask if the class has any questions. Maybe break the class up into dyads (or groups) and have them process useful information. Do not talk about tests or assessment tools unless you bring samples in. If you are dealing with important information, make sure that you have a handout that includes a bibliography of sources and the studies that you have reported on. Additionally, be sure to remind people that confidentiality is of the utmost importance; anything that is privately divulged in the class should be kept in private. Please try not to stereotype or disparage certain groups (categories) of people. It is important that the presentation be no less than forty-five minutes (e.g., twenty to thirty minutes would be too short). You may want to give people a hands-on task to do during the presentation; for instance, you might want people to process certain problems on bristle board or poster paper, and to report back on these to the class at-large.

**Missed Assignments**

Students who missed a presentation, a paper or an exam will have to get a D.E.F. form to the professor. The mark will remain a 0 until the assignment is completed. A doctor’s certificate is needed for missed assignments and exam.
Add/Drop Deadlines

For a list of all important dates, please refer to: Important Dates

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The following links will assist you in gaining a better understanding of academic integrity and point you to resources at York that can help you improve your writing and research skills:

- Information about the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty
- Online Tutorial on Academic Integrity
- Information for Students on Text-Matching Software: Turnitin.com
- Beware! Says who? A pamphlet on how to avoid plagiarism
- Resources for students to help improve their writing and research skills

Test Banks

The use of test banks is not permitted in this course and may be considered a potential breach of academic honesty. This includes but is not limited too; buying or selling test banks.

Electronic Devices During a Test/Examination

Electronic mobile devices of any kind are not allowed during a test or examination. Students are required to turn off and secure any electronic mobile device in their bag which is to be placed under the chair while a test/exam is in progress. Any student observed with an electronic devise during a test/exam may be reported to the Undergraduate Office for a potential breach of Academic Honesty.
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**Policy:** York University shall make reasonable and appropriate accommodations and adaptations in order to promote the ability of students with disabilities to fulfill the academic requirements of their programs.

The nature and extent of accommodations shall be consistent with and supportive of the integrity of the curriculum and of the academic standards of programs or courses.

Provided that students have given sufficient notice about their accommodation needs, instructors shall take reasonable steps to accommodate these needs in a manner consistent with the guidelines established hereunder.

For further information please refer to: [York university academic accommodation for students with disabilities policy](#)

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