

**Course Title: PSY 227 Introduction to Personality**

**Term: Fall 2022**

**Instructor: TBA**

**Course Credit: 3**

**Mode of Instruction: Online**

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**Course Description:**

Personality is defined as the characteristic sets of behaviors, cognitions, and emotional patterns that evolve from biological and environmental factors. This course provides students with an introduction to the basic theories and concepts of personality psychology and individual differences, covering both historical and contemporary aspects of personality psychology in psychodynamic, humanistic, trait and cognitive perspective. In addition, some personality assessment ways, researches and research methods in personality psychology will also be discussed in this course. After finishing this course, students will have the ability to understand and apply major personality theories, describe how they may be applied to understand human behavior and build on sound foundation for deeper learning.

**Course Prerequisites:**

PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

**Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of the course, the student should be able to:

- A. Understand, analyze and apply the basic theories and concepts of personality;
- B. Explain personality-related processes underlying individual behavioral differences;
- C. Understand the roles and main ways of personality assessment;

- D. Explain the main relations between personality traits and other constructs and life outcomes;
- E. Describe and identify the strengths and weaknesses of each evaluation methods used in the study of personality;
- F. Examine seminal and current researches studying and describing important findings in the fields of personality;
- G. Reflect on and critically evaluate historical and conceptual issues underlying the fields of personality and individual differences.

**Course Material:**

*An Introduction to Theories of Personality*, Robert Ewen B, Robert B. Ewen, 7th Edition, Psychology Press, 2009.

**Evaluation:**

- 2 Assignments [20%]
- 2 Essays [20%]
- Mid-term Exam [25%]
- Final Exam [35%]

**Description of the Evaluation tasks:**

Assignment/ Essay/ ... : During the term, students will be required to finish several evaluation tasks within due date. All the tasks are linked with specific course topics/outcomes and will adequately assess students' competence and learning outcomes. Students are encouraged to meet with instructor about these tasks at any point.

Mid-term/ Final Exams/ Quiz/... : There may be periodic quizzes given at the beginning of lecture sessions; the feedback from these quizzes will monitor the progress of the learners

and help to set learning priorities. There will be mid-term exam/ final exam for the course. They are the basic criteria for the evaluation of students' learning outcomes and final grade.

**Grading Policy:**

Students are supposed to finish each online lecture. Prior to each class, students should finish the required readings. During the class time, students are encouraged to make use of all relevant online course resources and communicate with the instructor. Students' grades are accumulated based on the cumulative evaluations.

Students' letter grade will be assigned according to the following scale:

A+ 90-100	A 85-89	A- 80-84
B+ 77-79	B 73-76	B- 70-72
C+ 67-69	C 63-66	C- 60-62
D+ 57-59	D 53-56	D- 50-52
F < 50		

**Academic Integrity:**

Students must strictly adhere to the university's academic integrity rule; and all essays, exams and any other form of academic assignments must adhere to these rules. Any form of plagiarism, cheating, or misappropriation of materials will be considered a violation of academic integrity and will be punishable by the university.

**Withdrawal from the Course(s):**

Students will be able to apply for a transfer or withdrawal within 3 days of the starting date of the course. If a withdrawal is applied for within 3 working days, the tuition fee will be fully refunded. After 3 days, the tuition fee will not be refunded. If a withdrawal is

applied for in the first two weeks, it will be recorded as W (Withdraw) on the course transcript. After this initial two-week period, the class will be recorded as F (Fail).

### **Tentative Schedule:**

<b>Week 1</b>	
1	Part I: The Psychodynamic Perspective Theories of Personality
2	Psychoanalysis
3	Psychoanalysis(Cont.)
4	Analytical Psychology
5	Individual Psychology <b>Assignment #1</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	
6	Neurosis and Human Growth
7	The Escape from Freedom
8	The Interpersonal Theory of Psychiatry
9	Ego Psychology
10	Part II: The Humanistic Perspective Self-Actualization Theory (I) <b>Essay #1</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	
11	Self-Actualization Theory (II)
12	Midterm Test Review
13	<b>Midterm Test</b>
14	Existential Psychology
15	Part III: The Trait Perspective Trait Theory
<b>Week 4</b>	
16	Trait Theory(Cont.) <b>Assignment #2</b>
17	Factor-Analytic Trait Theory

18	Factor-Analytic Trait Theory(Cont.)
19	Part Four:The Behaviorist Perspective Radical Behaviorism
20	Radical Behaviorism(Cont.) <b>Essay #2</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	
21	Part Five: The Cognitive Perspective The Psychology of Personal Constructs
22	Social-Cognitive Theory
23	Social-Cognitive Theory(Cont.)
24	Final Exam Review
25	<b>Final Exam</b>