

Psychology of the Personality

PSY 365

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Course Description:

A study of human individuality from various theoretical and empirical orientations. The course will address personality from biological, humanistic, trait, psychoanalytic, and other approaches.

Students successfully completing the course will demonstrate an understanding of the approaches priorities for studying personality, their relative strengths and weaknesses, and their underlying assumptions about human nature. Attention to the sources of knowledge, organization, structure, and dynamics in the development of the personality will be the course focus.

Required Text:

Engler, Barbara, Personality Theories: An Introduction, Ninth Edition, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, MA. ISBN: 1285088808

The text book must be brought to each class meeting. Failure to bring your book will be a deduction of 5 points each week that you do not have it with you.

Electronic text books are not allowed for this class.

Class Meeting information below. If you are unable to meet for our first class meeting- do not enroll in this course.

Oct. 20th...No Class Meeting First emailed Assignment/Check in Entry due
Oct. 27th... Second emailed Assignment/Check in Entry due
Nov. 3rd...Class meets...Third Assignment Due
Nov. 10th... Assignment/Check in Entry due
Nov 17th...Class meets... Assignment due
Nov. 24th...Thanksgiving
Dec. 1st... Assignment due
Dec. 8th...Class meets... Assignment due

Dec. 15th... Class meets at 7:30

Course Objectives:

1. Identify the leading personality theories and their theoretical orientations
2. Enhance writing skills through course assignments
3. Increase personal self awareness though the use of personality assessments
4. An introduction to a variety of personality assessments
5. Summarize the theoretical elements and basic concepts supporting each theory

Instructional and Grading Methods:

This class will utilize a textbook, current issues, videos, discussion. There will be an emphasis on classroom discussion. Grading will be heavily weighed on attendance and participation.

Students may use their cell phones to take emergency calls only. Texting will not be tolerated in class. Participation points will automatically be deducted if a student is found to be texting during class. Students will not be allowed to use their laptops or other electronic devices during class. Laptops/Ipads/Kindles, etc. are not allowed in class.

Students are expected to attend class and participate in discussion. Missing one class will cost you points. Missing 2 classes will cost you one letter grade. Missing 3 classes will earn you an automatic failing grade for the course.

Incompletes are given only for extenuating circumstances.

Late papers will only earn 50% of the available points. All papers must be typed and ready to be handed in at the beginning of the class. No exceptions.

Academic Integrity Policy:

The Doane College Academic Integrity Policy will be adhered to in this class. All projects and tests will represent your own work. Any use of others' ideas and words without proper citation of sources is plagiarism and will result in penalties to be determined by the instructor and/or the dean of undergraduate studies.