

Course Outline -- FYSM 1900 I (Wednesday) -- 2013/2014

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to university! In a nutshell this course is about personality psychology and research. If you want to learn about some current ideas and research about personality, take this course. Throughout the year we will discuss a variety of personality domains, such as dispositions (e.g., traits), biological (e.g., neuropsychological and evolutionary), intra-psychic (e.g., psychoanalytic and motives), cognitive (e.g., emotions and self-identity), social interaction (e.g., mating and manipulation) and adjustment (e.g., stress/coping and disorders). In addition to all of that stuff, you will conduct an authentic research project under my guidance. You will pick a topic (which I must approve), learn about it, collect data, analyse the data, and pull it all together in a research paper. So, to get you thinking about your research project, I have included a sampling of research topics from former students (see below chart).

Stress	Addiction	Road Rage	Music Preferences
Anxiety	Aggression	Jealousy	Eating Disorders
Depression	Movie Preferences	Parenting Styles	Motivation
Health/Fitness	Social Media	Mate Preferences	Bullying
Happiness	Optimism	Birth Order	Learning Styles
OCD	Cheating	Coping	Achievement
Creativity	Racism	Discrimination	Narcissism
Self-esteem	Internet Addiction	Sleep Disorders	Life Events
Conformity	Procrastination	Humour Styles	Delinquency
Psychopathy	Curiosity	Goals	Political Views

INSTRUCTOR: Allan Blunt

MENTORS: Maddie and Pete

CLASS TIME: Wednesday, 14:25 - 17:25

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TEXT (RECOMMENDED): Personality Psychology: Domains of Knowledge about Human Nature, Fourth Edition. By Larsen and Buss. A copy of this text will be on reserve in the library.

COURSE WEBSITE: The cuLearn site contains important information for the course. Please explore this site as soon as possible.

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Class Schedule: Fall Term

Fall Term Schedule					
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Welcome Overview Human Nature Needs?	Evolution (C8)	Evolution (C8)	Physiology (C7)	Physiology (C7)	Test 1
	Brainstorm Topics Advising Presentation	Sources Peer-review PsycInfo	Dissecting a Research Article	Statistics Correlation t-test	
Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Traits (C3) Advising Presentation	Traits (C3) (TIPI)	Constructs (C2) (Validity & Reliability)	Test 2	Design (C2) Correlation vs Experiment Causality	Float
Purpose of Introduction and Method	APA In-text & References	Ethics (Bubbles)			
					Research Proposal is due Tuesday, December 10

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Class Schedule: Winter Term

Winter Term Schedule					
Week 13	Week 14	Week 15	Week 16	Week 17	Week 18
Advising Presentation Intrapsychic: Freud Big Three (C9)	Emotions (C13)	SPSS Lab Create Entry Stats	Stress (C18)	Social Interaction (C15)	Test 3
	Data Collection SPSS Overview	Data Collection ESP Survey	Data Collection Reading SPSS Outputs	Data Collection	
Week 19	Week 20	Week 21	Week 22	Week 23	Week 24
The Self (C14)	Characteristic Adaptations	Beyond Normal (C19)	Test 4	Float	Last Class Poster Session
Advising Presentation	Pulling it Together (FFT)				
					Final Project is due Tuesday, April 8

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Assignments and Tests

Requirement	Due Date	Weight (%)
Paper: Your Big Five	October 2*	5.0
Articles: 5 articles	October 9*	5% bonus or penalty
Test 1	October 16**	10.0
Draft of Research Proposal	November 13*	2.5
Test 2	November 20**	10.0
Final Research Proposal	December 10***	12.5
Draft of Introduction & Methods	January 29*	2.5
Test 3	February 12**	10.0
Draft of Results	March 12*	2.5
Test 4	March 19**	10.0
Poster Presentation	April 2*	10.0
Final Research Paper	April 8***	25.0
<p>* Assignments are due in class at 2:35pm. ** Tests are in-class and begin at 2:35pm. *** Due by 12:00pm in my office</p>		
<p>Late Penalties: 15% penalty if an assignment is submitted within one day after due date. Assignments will not be graded after the one-day grace period. See below for exceptions due to medical reasons.</p>		

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Important Additional Information

POSTING OF GRADES: Unofficial grades will be available through the cuLearn Grade Book.

DEPARTMENTAL DROPBOX POLICY – LOCATED OUTSIDE 1516 DUNTON TOWER:

Mail received prior to 4:30pm will be date stamped with the current date. Mail received after 4:30pm will be date stamped with the next business day's date. Please ensure to include your name, student number, course code and instructor's name. We are unable to distribute without this information.

MISSED TESTS AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS POLICY: In the case of missed tests, assignments, missed classes, being late to class, or any other course requirement the illness (or condition) must be fully supported in cases by a medical certificate (or by appropriate documents in other cases) dated no later than one working day (24 hours) after the test or other requirement. Medical documents must specify the date of the onset of the illness, the (expected) date of recovery, and the extent to which the student was/is incapacitated. If you miss any test or assignment, you must notify me within 24 hours of the missed test or assignment. Note that a make-up test may be permitted only under conditions of documented illness, bereavement, or religious obligation. If documentation is not provided, a grade of zero will be recorded for the missed test or assignment. Students MUST write all tests and complete all requirements in order to get credit for this course.

ABOUT MEDICAL CERTIFICATES: In the case of missed tests, assignments, missed classes, lates, or any other course requirement the illness (or condition) must be fully supported in cases by a medical certificate dated no later than one working day after the examination or by appropriate documents in other cases. Medical documents must specify the date of the onset of the illness, the (expected) date of recovery, and the extent to which the student was/is incapacitated.

PETITIONS TO DEFER: Students unable to complete a final term paper or write a final examination because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control or whose performance on an examination has been impaired by such circumstances may apply within five working days to the Registrar's Office for permission to extend a term paper deadline or to write a deferred examination. The request must be fully and specifically supported by a medical certificate or other relevant documentation. Only deferral petitions submitted to the Registrar's Office will be considered.

WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT ACADEMIC PENALTY: The last day to withdraw from two-term courses without academic penalty is April 8th, 2014.

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REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION: You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

1) Pregnancy obligation: write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/> .

2) Religious obligation: write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/> .

3) Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable) at <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/> .

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/> .

PLAGIARISM : The University Senate defines plagiarism as “presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.” This can include:

- *reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;*
- *submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;*
- *using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;*
- *using another’s data or research findings;*
- *failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;*
- *handing in "substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs."*

Plagiarism is a serious offence, which cannot be resolved directly with the course’s instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the

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student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They range from a mark of zero for the plagiarized work to a final grade of "F" for the course, and even suspension from all studies or expulsion from the University.

Academic Integrity/Plagiarism is an instructional offence that will be dealt with by the Dean's office. Students who are found to be cheating on tests/exams, or handing in work which is not their own will be given a grade of zero along with notification to the Dean. Please consult the 2012-13 Undergraduate Calendar for the regulations for Academic Integrity (subsection 14). Or check it on-line at:

<http://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/regulations/academicregulationsoftheuniversity/acadregsuniv14/>

GRADING SYSTEM : Letter grades assigned in this course will have the following percentage equivalents:

A+ = 90-100	B = 73-76	C - = 60-62
A = 85-89	B - = 70-72	D+ = 57-59
A - = 80-84	C+ = 67-69	D = 53-56
B+ = 77-79	C = 63-66	D - = 50-52
F = Failure. No academic credit		

ABS = Absent from the final examination

DEF = Official deferral (see "Petitions to Defer")

FND = "Failed, no Deferral" – assigned when the student is absent from the final exam and has failed the course on the basis of inadequate term work as specified in the course outline.

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor, subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean.