

PSYC 3600 A : PERSONALITY (HONOURS SEMINAR)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This course will focus on the process of finding answers to questions in personality psychology. We will consider current controversies and methods in personality research and develop research questions that we can address by collecting data and testing hypotheses. Topics include the Big Five traits and alternative models, heritability and stability of personality, evolutionary perspectives, personality in other species, and personality in relationships. Roughly one-half of the course will be devoted to reviewing and discussing current theories and research in personality. The other half will be devoted to the pragmatics of designing and conducting research. Ultimately, the goal of the course is to prepare you to conduct a 4th year honours thesis or project in personality psychology and related disciplines.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

A considerable proportion of one's grade in this course is tied to weekly participation in seminar discussions. Students will also be graded on a series of written assignments, culminating in a mini-thesis research report. There are no tests.

TEXT

No textbook; All readings are available through MacOdrum Library or the course webpage.