

PSYC 4400 C / 5800 K: THE DARK TRIAD: THEORY AND RESEARCH

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

Research on Dark Triad (DT)—psychopathy, narcissism, and Machiavellianism—cuts across forensic, personality, and developmental psychology, having clinical, organizational, and forensic applications, among others. The field has exploded in popularity and influence since the original publication in 2002, yet it has also invited significant controversy and criticism. In this course, we critically examine the theory and research of the DT including its historical roots, which will provide students with a strong base with which to understand, evaluate, and conduct research involving the DT constructs. Major emphasis will be placed on tackling conceptual and measurement issues emerging from the DT field, and as a consequence, developing our theoretical and empirical skills.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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Attendance and participation

Quizzes (based on readings)

Presentation

Written work – empirical/research

PSYC 5800 K

Attendance and participation

Quizzes (based on readings)

Presentation

Research project with data

TEXT

Readings will include peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters or excerpts.