

Syllabus for: Psych 33	
Semester & Year:	Spring 2014
Course ID and Section Number:	PSYCH-33-E4806-2014S
Number of Credits/Units:	3
Day/Time:	Tues & Thurs 10:05-11:30AM
Location:	HMA 217
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Course Description (catalog description as described in course outline): A course that has a focus in applied psychology. The course surveys psychological theories and empirical research as applied to personal growth, personality development and adjustment. The topics covered include: personality development, self esteem, stress and coping, health, psychology of love, sex and sex roles, mental health diagnoses, work and group behavior. Students will learn to apply psychological theories and principles to their own lives. Students are asked to look at their own barriers to personal effectiveness in learning, work and interpersonal relationships.	
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Psychology 33

Section E4806

Personal Growth and Adjustment

Spring 2014

Syllabus

Starts Tuesday January 21, 2014

Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:05-11:30AM

The last day to withdraw without a W and receive a refund is Friday Jan 31, 2014

The last day to withdraw without a W and without a refund is Feb 2, 2014

Census date is Monday, Feb. 3, 2014

The last day for a student-initiated drop without a refund (withdraw *with* a W) is April 4, 2014

The last day for an instructor-initiated drop, no refund, (also *with* a W) is also April 4, 2014

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Required materials:

Text: *Psychology Applied to Modern Life*, by Weiten, Dunn and Hammer, **10th** edition. Bring your book to class each time. One copy is on reserve at the library. You can use the reserve copy for 2 hours at a time in the library, but remember: someone else may be using it at the time you plan. The textbook will be for sale in CR's bookstore. There is a companion publisher's website at http://www.cengage.com/cgi-wadsworth/course_products_wp.pl?fid=M20bI&product_isbn_issn=9780495553397

which is for the 9th edition, and where you can find additional study aids. (There is no similar site for the 10th edition).

Journal: Choose a blank book to use as a journal. This can be anything from an inexpensive notebook to a specially made artistic book. Most classes will include a time for journal writing, so bring your journal to class every time. The suggested journal homework assignment is to write in your journal at least 10 minutes per day, every day. This is an “assignment,” but it will not be turned in, read or graded. A journal is one of the best ways to know yourself better. Keeping a journal offers the opportunity for a conversation with yourself. In your journal, write about your response to what we learn in this course, what affects you in the rest of your life, and the implications for your own growth as a human being.

Electronic memory device: such as a stick drive, to save your work on. You cannot save a paper on a computer in the LRC. Save all your class documents on this memory device so you won't lose them. Back up your work! Create a file on the drive with your name and contact information in case you lose it; the LRC checks lost drives for contact information. **You really will find this helpful for all your classes! Too many people have lost documents that weren't saved.** Another way to keep a back-up copy is to email your document to yourself as an attachment.

Recommended materials:

3-ring notebook, for outlines, notes and handouts

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Expectations for this course:

- 1 Read all the chapters and be responsible for learning the material even if we don't cover it in class. Read the chapters and do the outline/concept map assignments BEFORE the day of the class when that chapter is listed so you will be ready for discussion. The purpose of the class is not to just repeat what is in the book.
- 2 Attend all classes. Do this for your own sake. Please arrive on time; late arrivals are disturbing to the rest of the class. If an absence is necessary for health reasons, please let me know ahead of time, by email or by phone. You will not learn from the discussion in class if you are not present. If you need to leave early, please let me know why at the beginning of class.
- 3 Excessive absences cheat yourself out of learning opportunities. I reserve the right to drop you from class ("instructor initiated drop") for excessive absences, which for this class is defined as **4** or more. This does not mean it is ok to miss 3 classes.
- 4 Do all written assignments. None are optional. There are a few extra credit opportunities.
- 5 Participate in class discussions. People learn best when they are engaged & interacting with the material and each other. I encourage you to ask questions in class – **no question is a dumb question** – and offer opinions on the subject matter in class. I often call on people. Also, please allow space and time for others to speak, and listen to and consider what others say.
- 6 Don't sleep in class. If you sleep I will ask you to leave. Get enough sleep at night.
- 7 Don't come to class under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, or other mind-altering substances. They interfere with your ability to retain what you learn under the influence.
- 8** Please keep your cell phone off, not just silent, so that you will not have that distraction. Please, no texting during class, and please do not leave class to text or phone. Those who use their phones in class will be asked to **bring a snack for all class members at the next class. This is a new experiment**
- 9 If at all possible, please take care of your personal needs (bathroom, food, cigarettes, phone calls, texts, cell phone charging, etc.) *before or after class*. Walking out in the middle of class is disruptive and disrespectful of other students. Taking care of these needs before or after class is part of planning ahead. Most personal matters can wait until after class. Please do not leave while class is in session. **Leaving in the middle of class may also result in an assignment to bring snacks.**
- 10 Topics covered in the class may stimulate individuals to discuss their own challenges that they have encountered in life as examples of the ideas we read about. While personal experience is a great teacher, I encourage you to be cautious when making self-disclosures to the class. We cannot guarantee, although we encourage, confidentiality with each other. I also insist that individuals be respectful to each other in the classroom.

Calendar of classes and assignments due:

NO classes during spring break, Mar. 17-22.

Date	What we are covering	Assignments and activities
Tues Jan 21	Introduction Syllabus Study skills MyCR	In-class quiz on syllabus Time management Introductions
Thurs Jan 23	Ch 1 Adjusting to modern life	Read ch 1 before this class. We will do a sample outline and concept map of ch. 1 <i>in class</i> while we discuss it.
Tues Jan 28	Ch 2 Theories of personality	Read ch 2 before this class. Hand in outline or concept map of ch. 2 Hand in Myers-Briggs Jungian typology assignment www.humanmetrics.com
Thurs Jan 30	Ch 3 Stress and its effects	Read ch 3 before this class. Hand in outline or concept map of ch. 3 This is the day to consider if you expect to pass the class; Friday Jan 31 is the drop date, the last day you can drop without a W and get a refund. The census date is Mon. Feb 3.
Tues Feb 4	Ch 4 Coping processes	Read ch 4 before this class. Hand in outline or concept map of ch. 4 Assigning teams for developmental theory project
Thurs Feb 6	Review for Quiz #1 begin Ch 5 Psychology and physical health	Read ch 5 before this class Hand in outline or concept map of ch. 5
Tues Feb 11	Quiz #1	Covers ch 1-4

Thurs Feb 13	Go over quiz Continue Ch 5	
Tues Feb 18	Ch 6 The Self	Read ch 6 before this class Hand in outline or concept map of ch. 6
Thurs Feb 20	Ch 7 Social theory and social influence	Read ch 7 before this class. Hand in outline or concept map of ch. 7 Hand in repair sheet for Quiz #1 (optional)
Tues Feb 25	Ch 8 Review for the midterm	Read ch 8 before this class. Hand in outline or concept map of ch. 8.
Thurs Feb 27	Presentation on how to use library databases to find journal articles for a research paper.	MEET IN L103 IN LRC with Ruth Moon Begin research for short research project and long research paper. Turn in a statement of your topic for the long research paper.
Tues Mar 4	Midterm	Covers ch 1-8
Thurs Mar 6	Go over midterm Start ch 9 Friendship and love	Read ch 9 before this class. Hand in outline or concept map for ch. 9 Hand in short research project
Tues Mar 11	More ch 9 Panel discussion	Meet in class with developmental theory groups to plan presentations
Thurs Mar 13	Developmental theory day	Group presentations on the developmental theories. Hand in Individual short papers on theorist. Hand in midterm repair sheet (optional)
Tues Mar 18 and Th Mar 20	NO CLASS	SPRING BREAK

Tues Mar 25	Ch 10 Marriage and intimate relationships	Read ch 10 before this class Hand in outline or concept map for ch 10 Hand in research paper planning sheet
Thurs Mar 27	Ch 11 Gender and behavior	Read ch 11 before this class Hand in outline or concept map for ch 11
Tues Apr 1	Ch 12 Development and expression of sexuality	Read ch 12 before this class Hand in outline or concept map for ch 12
Thurs Apr 3	Catch-up day Review for quiz #2	If you are not passing the class, now is the time to consider a student-initiated drop, which gives you the grade W. Tomorrow April 4 is the last day for that choice. I also may drop students who have disappeared, are failing, or for excessive absences (4 or more)
Tues Apr 8	Quiz #2	Covers ch 9-12
Thurs Apr 10	Go over quiz #2 and start ch 13 Careers and work	Read ch 13 before this class. Hand in outline or concept map for ch. 13
Tues Apr 15	More ch 13 and start ch 14 Psychological disorders	Read ch 14 before this class. Hand in outline or concept map for ch.14
Thurs Apr 17	More ch 14	Hand in quiz #2 repair sheet (optional)

Tues Apr 22	Ch 15 Psychotherapy	Read ch 15 before this class Hand in outline or concept map of ch. 15 Hand in autobiographies
Thurs Apr 24	Ch 16 Positive psychology	Read ch 16 before this class. Hand in outline or concept map of ch. 16
Tues Apr 29	Catch-up day and review for quiz #3	
Thurs May 1	Quiz #3	Covers 13-16 There is no repair sheet for quiz #3
Tues May 6	Go over quiz #3 Research presentations	Research presentations. Hand in research papers Presentations will be in random order. Be ready!
Thurs May 8	Last class	More research presentations. Questions for the take-home final will be handed out.
May 12-16	This is exam week. No regular classes	TUES May 13, 2014, 8PM. Take-home part of final due <i>NO LATE EXAMS ACCEPTED.</i> Multiple choice part of final in class at our assigned time, which will be on Thursday May 15 at 10:45AM in our classroom

Class Attendance and Makeups:

To pass this course, you will need to take complete, well-organized lecture notes. Test questions will be taken from EACH chapter, lecture and class session. While the readings will help to expand concepts covered in the lectures, they do not provide a substitution for class attendance. If you miss a lecture, it is your responsibility to get notes from a classmate – I do not provide notes for absent students. I post an outline of what we will cover in class on MyCR, my own class outline, but this is not a substitute for your own or anybody else's notes. Similarly, we will not cover every topic in the text in class and so you will need to read the text to learn that material.

All tests and quizzes must be taken in class and all papers must be turned in by the end of the class period during which they are due, *except* that Chapter outlines or concept maps are due at the **beginning** of the class the day they are due. If you have an unexcused absence for any assignment, quiz, or exam, you will receive a zero for that assignment, quiz, or exam, which will be averaged into your final grade. If you have a valid written excuse (family or medical), making "**prior** arrangements" with me requires hearing back from me with a positive response prior to the time that the assignment is due or the exam is to be taken, not just leaving a message. DSPS students may take quizzes and tests in the Testing Center in the LRC.

Do not plan to miss any classes. The magic number is **4**; I reserve the right to drop you from the course if you miss 4 or more class sessions. It should go without saying that you will make every effort to be at every class. The number 4 does not mean it is ok to miss 3 classes!

I will drop any student who no longer can pass the course by the "drop with a W" date, April 4, 2014.

Student athletes: it is very challenging to be a student athlete, with a full course load, practices, and travel for games. If you are a student athlete, please let me know and your game schedule. Being a good student can promote your athletic life, and being a student athlete can promote your education and larger path in life. Make it work!

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!!

Outline and paper assignments

Here is a list of the written assignments. See separate sheets with description of these assignments will be posted on MyCR and included in the class handout. If papers are late, **20 points** will be deducted for every day the paper is late, **INCLUDING WEEKEND DAYS! Due dates are in the calendar above.**

1. Each outline or concept map for a chapter – 20 points each (300 points total for 15 chapters) ***NO LATE PAPERS ACCEPTED FOR POINTS for this assignment!***

2. Myers-Briggs assessment response paper – 100 points
3. Short research project paper – 50 points
4. Research paper planning sheet – 50 points
5. Developmental theory chart, presentation and short paper – 100 points
6. Autobiography paper – 150 points
7. Long research paper and presentation – 200 points

Quizzes and exams:

Each of these tests will cover specified parts of the course materials, as listed in the course calendar.

Quizzes:

There will be **3 quizzes** given during class, consisting of 50 multiple choice questions worth 2 points each, for a total of 100 points per quiz. All quizzes must be taken on or before the date scheduled. Students needing extra time may request, *in advance*, to take the quizzes in the testing center in the LRC at the scheduled exam time. No make-up quizzes will be given after they are graded and returned. Each quiz will cover specific chapters, announced beforehand, and the material in those chapters, whether or not we have talked about each topic in class. *Hint:* For the questions, I try to pick topics that will be useful in your ongoing life. There are practice questions at the end of each chapter. Study those and your outlines. I will post study guides on MyCR. You will be allowed to use your chapter outlines during these quizzes.

Exams:

There will be a **midterm exam** covering material studied up to that point. .

There will be a **final exam** will be given on material from the book, class discussions, and presentations. It will consist of 2 parts: a multiple choice exam (100 points) given on our assigned date in our classroom, and two take-home essay questions (100 points). The essay questions will ask you to reflect and synthesize your understanding of ideas covered in the course. Do not think that because it is a take-home exam that it will be easy and quick; that is not the case! No make-up exams will be given. The **final exam** covers all chapters in our textbook. You will NOT be allowed to use your outlines during this exam. The essay part can be used to assess Course Learning Outcome #2. **I WILL NOT ACCEPT TAKE HOME FINALS AFTER 8PM on Tuesday May 13!!! The late deduction of points available for papers is not available for the final! I will be on campus on Tuesday May 13 in the middle of the day for the multiple choice part of the final, but I will *not* be on campus after 3PM on May 13, and will check my email just after 8PM. Allow plenty of time, to avoid technical problems.**

NO excuses will be accepted. (such as “the cat ate my gym suit” or “the computer crashed” or “my printer died,” etc.)

Quiz #1:	100 points
Midterm:	100 points
Quiz #2:	100 points
Quiz #3:	100 points
Final:	100 points essay part, 100 points multiple choice part

Optional assignments (extra credit, not required)

1. Repair sheet for quiz #1 – 16 points
2. Repair sheet for midterm – 16 points
3. Repair sheet for quiz #2 – 16 points (no repair sheet for quiz #3)
4. Extra late term paper on a psychological disorder (described in packet) – 50 points
5. Book report – 50 points
6. Teach a part of a class. See me for more information. – 50 points

Grade information:

<u>Assignment or grade category</u>	<u>Points and percent of total grade</u>
Chapter outlines: 15 x 20 points each	300 points
Myers-Briggs response paper	100
Devel theory chart or outline & presentation	100 (50 chart and 50 presentation)
Midterm	100
Quizzes (3 with 100 points each)	300
Research paper planning sheet	50
Final exam (online and take-home parts)	200
Short research project	50
Autobiography paper	150
<p>Long research paper and presentation:</p> <p><i>Make note:</i></p> <p>With no presentation, - 50 points</p> <p>With no or incorrect APA references, - 30- 50 points</p> <p>Not long enough, - 30 points</p> <p>Incorrect grammar or spelling, - 1 point each</p> <p>Not using Turnitin software, -50 points or more</p>	200
Total of required assignments	1550 = 100%

Letter grade point and percentage ranges:

Grade point range	Percentage	Letter grade
1441 or higher	93+	A
1395-1440	90-92	A-
1348-1394	87-89	B+
1286-1347	83-86	B
1240-1285	80-82	B-
1193-1239	77-79	C+
1107-1192	65-74	C
930-1106	60-64	D
929 and below	59 and below	F

FOR ALL ASSIGNMENTS HANDED IN, PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME, OUR SECTION NUMBER, AND THE NAME OF THE ASSIGNMENT AT THE TOP.

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Please note:

I will make every effort to follow the standards and schedule of this syllabus. There may be times when changes are necessary and I will inform the class if this occurs.