

Syllabus for *Personal Growth and Adjustment* – Eureka Campus

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Special Accommodations

College of the Redwoods complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Please present your written accommodation request at least one week before the first test so that necessary arrangements can be made. No last-minute arrangements or post-test adjustments will be made. If you have a disability or believe you might benefit from disability related services and may need accommodations, please see me or contact [Disabled Students Programs and Services](#). Students may make requests for alternative media by contacting DSPS at 707-476-4280.

Academic Support

Academic support is available at [Counseling and Advising](#) and includes academic advising and educational planning, [Academic Support Center](#) for tutoring and proctored tests, and [Extended Opportunity Programs & Services](#), for eligible students, with advising, assistance, tutoring, and more.

Academic Honesty

In the academic community, the high value placed on truth implies a corresponding intolerance of scholastic dishonesty. In cases involving academic dishonesty, determination of the grade and of the student's status in the course is left primarily to the discretion of the faculty member. In such cases, where the instructor determines that a student has demonstrated academic dishonesty, the student may

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receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or exam and may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct (AP 5500) is available on the College of the Redwoods website at: <http://www.redwoods.edu/board/Board-Policies/Chapter-5-Student-Services>, and scroll to AP 5500. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the college catalog and on the College of the Redwoods website.

Disruptive Classroom Behavior

Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting will not be tolerated. Disruptive conduct may include, but is not limited to: unwarranted interruptions; failure to adhere to instructor's directions; vulgar or obscene language; slurs or other forms of intimidation; and physically or verbally abusive behavior. In such cases where the instructor determines that a student has disrupted the educational process a disruptive student may be temporarily removed from class. In addition, he or she may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct (AP 5500) is available on the College of the Redwoods website at: <http://www.redwoods.edu/board/Board-Policies/Chapter-5-Student-Services> and scroll to AP 5500. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the college catalog and on the College of the Redwoods website.

Emergency Procedures for the Eureka campus:

Please review the campus evacuation sites, including the closest site to this classroom (posted by the exit of each room). The Eureka **campus emergency map** is available at: (<http://www.redwoods.edu/aboutcr/Eureka-Map>; choose the evacuation map option). For more information on Public Safety, go to <http://www.redwoods.edu/publicsafety>. In an emergency that requires an evacuation of the building:

- Be aware of all marked exits from your area and building.
- Once outside, move to the nearest evacuation point outside your building:
- Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel.
- Do not leave campus, unless it has been deemed safe by the Incident Commander or campus authorities. (CR's lower parking lot and Tompkins Hill Rd are within the Tsunami Zone.)

RAVE – College of the Redwoods has implemented an emergency alert system. In the event of an emergency on campus you can receive an alert through your personal email and/or phones at your home, office, and cell. Registration is necessary in order to receive emergency alerts. Please go to <https://www.GetRave.com/login/Redwoods> and use the “Register” button on the top right portion of the registration page to create an account. During the registration process you can elect to add additional information, such as office phone, home phone, cell phone, and personal email. Please use your CR email address as your primary Registration Email. Your CR email address ends with “redwoods.edu.” Please contact Public Safety at 707-476-4112 or security@redwoods.edu if you have any questions.

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Psych 33
Personal Growth and Development
Spring 2019
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Grade Distribution: A = 93%, A- = 90-92%, B+ = 88-89%, B = 83-87%, B- = 80-82%, C+ = 78-79%, C = 70-77%, D = 60-69%, F = 59% and below.

Course Schedule

Week 1 (January 21-23): Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (**No class 1/21**); Introduction

Week 2 (January 28-30): Chapter 1 – Adjusting to Modern Life

Week 3 (February 4-6): Chapter 2 – Theories of Personality

Week 4 (February 11-13): Chapter 3 – Stress and Its Effects; **Annotated Bibliography**

Week 5 (February 18-20): President's Day (**No Class 2/18**); Chapter 4 Coping Processes

Week 6 (February 25-27): Exam 1 (Ch 1-3, 6); **Annotated Bibliography**

Week 7 (March 4-6): Chapter 6 – The Self; **Reference Page; Introduction**

Week 8 (March 11-13): Chapter 7 Social Thinking and Social Influence

Week 9 (March 18-20): Spring Break (**No Class**)

Week 10 (March 25-27): Chapter 8 – Interpersonal Communication; Rough Draft Assignment

Week 11 (April 1-3): Exam 2 (Ch 5-8)

Week 12 (April 8-10): Chapter 9 – Friendship and Love

Week 13 (April 15-17): Chapter 11 - Gender and Behavior

Week 14 (April 29-May 1): Chapter 14 –Psychological Disorders; Chapter 15 - Treatment of Psychological Disorders

Week 15 (May 6-8): Positive Psychology; Student Presentations; **Research Paper; Personal Reflection Paper**

Course Grading:

All assignments are due at the beginning of class. Late work will not be accepted. The course will be graded as follows:

- Participation (5 points):** Students will complete various in class group activities for participation credit. Students must actively participate and attend the full lecture to receive full credit.
- Reader Response (5 points):** Students will submit a response for each chapter read. The response may include, but are not limited to, questions/reflections related to the reading. Expand on any topic that you find intriguing. Submissions will be graded on minimum word count (250 words), grammar, and similarity percentage (5% is acceptable). Responses are due at the beginning of the week before the first class meeting.
- Quizzes (10 points):** There will be weekly quizzes on the topic being covered. These will be administered at the beginning of class on the second meeting of the week. You will not be able to complete the quiz if you arrive late.
- Personal Reflection Paper (10 points):** This personal reflection paper can be completed at any point of the semester and must be 300 words. Address the different psychological concepts that you have learned about throughout the course and how these can be applicable in your everyday life. Be as specific as possible by providing examples of how you will or have applied the concepts in your life.
- Annotated Bibliography (10 points each):** You will select a peer reviewed article of choice and complete an annotated bibliography that addresses the articles main issues, including the hypothesis, statistical analyses conducted, and the results of the study.
- Presentation (20 points):** Students will present their research paper. Presentation will be graded on time, organization and clarity, coverage of research paper topics, and answers to questions posed by the class.
- Research Paper (100 points):** For this assignment, students will produce a research paper for a topic of choice that includes a literature review. Use of peer-reviewed articles is required. The Paper will be submitted in APA format.
- Exams (100 points each)**

Disorderly Conduct:

Students who are disruptive during class will be asked to leave and receive no participation credit for the day. The environment of this classroom will be one that fosters intellectual discussion and one that respects the different views of the participants of the class. Students under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be asked to leave. Students who are disruptive will be suspended from the course for one or two days, at the discretion of the instructor. Any assignments or tests due on the dates missed will not be able to be retaken or turned in late. Students must follow instructions or will be asked to leave.

Academic Integrity:

Plagiarism or cheating will not be tolerated. All turned in assignments must be the student's original work. Any student caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive no credit for the assignment and be reported to the Dean of Students.

Student Commitment: This class requires a nine hour per week commitment of your time. You will have to regularly attend class, carefully read textbook chapters, submit thoughtful reader responses, complete a research paper, and successfully demonstrate learning in quizzes and exams. Class attendance, conscientiousness, attention to details, reading, writing, and study skills are critical for success.

Note: There are no extra credit assignments offered. This syllabus may be subject to change. Students will be informed if any changes occur. Students that miss two class sessions before the Census date will be dropped from the course. Administrative procedure (AP) 5075 allows instructors to withdraw students from class for non-participation or excessive absences through the 10th week of class.