**Psychology 667: Small Group Behavior**

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**PURPOSE**: This course will provide you with a survey of theories and research on group dynamics. We will examine issues related to group formation and development, group processes, social influences, group decision-making, group performance, and leadership. This class will follow a seminar format. This means that you should read the assigned articles before class time and be prepared to discuss/critique them.

**OUTLINE OF TOPICS: Approximate Dates**

1. Overview, Definitions, Team roles 8/27
2. Foundations 9/10-17
3. Methodological and Statistical Issues 9/17
4. Group Processes and Team Task Analyses 9/24-10/1
5. Group Emergent States 10/09
6. Team Leadership 10/15
7. Group Effectiveness 10/22
8. Group Formation and Development 10/29
9. Group Composition and Staffing 11/05
10. Group Innovation and Learning 11/12
11. Group Decision Making 11/19
12. Group Conflict 11/26
13. Multiteam systems 12/03

**REQUIREMENTS**: Your grade in this class will be based on four assignments. The first is a research proposal on any topic in group dynamics. This proposal will be due on December 3. An outline of this proposal will be due on November 5. If you have already collected data in a group or team study, you may satisfy this assignment with a full draft of a manuscript to be submitted to a journal. The second assignment will be a cumulative take-home final examination, to be distributed on December 3 and due December 17. This examination will be essay in format. The third assignment is an annotated bibliography to be completed on the topic of your research proposal. This bibliography will be due on October 22. The paper will be worth 40% of your grade; the final examination will be worth 30% of your final grade. The bibliography will be worth 15% of your grade. Missed deadlines for the assignments will result in a letter-grade deduction (10 points) for each day late.

This class is intended to be a seminar class, with considerable discussion expected among class members. As a fourth assignment, you will be required as part of a team to be responsible for presenting two of the assigned articles each week and leading the class discussion on that article. As part of the preparation for this presentation, your team will need to post on Blackboard notes on (a) how your two assigned articles fit within the context of team research, and (b) what the contributions of a particular article are to that literature. These postings should occur no later than 2 days before class. Each week I will assign a "participation grade" to you that will reflect (a) your individual preparation and participation in the class discussion, and (b) your group's preparation for and facilitation of the class discussion. I will assign the papers to your group for the following week's discussion. This participation assignment will be worth 15% of your grade. I will give further instruction on the first day of class about how to prepare your analysis and facilitation of articles. Please note that all members of the class are responsible for reading all of the articles each week, not just the ones assigned to your group.

***Summary of Grade:***

Research Proposal 40%

Annotated Bibliography 15%

Final Examination 30%

Class Participation 15%

**TEXTS**:

***Recommended:***

If you are looking for a general overall reference book or survey of the topic, I suggest the following:

Forsyth, D. R. (2013). *Group Dynamics* (4th ed. or 5th ed). Independence, KY: Cengage Learning.

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**Important Dates**

Last day to add September 4th

Last day to drop with no penalty September 9th

Check the GMU website for other key dates: https://registrar.gmu.edu/calendars/fall-2018/

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 **READINGS**

***Overview and definitions; Team roles***

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