**PSYC 324-001 Personality Theory**

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Time: TR 12:00PM – 1:15 PM

Readings: The Personality Puzzle 8th edition by David C. Funder

This course will provide a multidisciplinary approach towards the study of personality. We will examine enduring traits on how people think, process and handle emotions, and behave. We will scientifically examine topics including multiple theories of personality, the developments of personality, and how personality can moderate motivation and learning. Throughout this class we will critically examine available research and learn about how to think empirically about psychology.

This course is set up to use InQuizitive, an adaptive quizzing tool that can help you study and understand the material. I find that InQuizitive is useful, but it is not required or graded for this class.

InQuisitive is accessible through Norton’s digital resources. Here is a link with instructions to register for InQuizitive: <https://wwnorton.knowledgeowl.com/help/getting-started-students-DLP-registration> . The Student set ID is: **489678**

While reading the textbook or watching the lectures, you may have some questions. If you need any help understanding information related to the course, feel free to email me. We can discuss the class individually through emails or through phone meetings.

**Exams**

There will 4 exams on this course worth 18% each. The exams and final will be compromised of multiple choice and short answer questions.

**Cumulative Final**

The cumulative final will cover Chapters 1 – 17. It is worth 18% of your final grade. If the grade on your cumulative final is higher than your worst exam grade, the grade on your cumulative final will replace your worst exam grade. The cumulative final is **not** optional.

**Attendance**

Attendence is worth 10% of your grade. You are allowed 3 unexcused absences. Any further unexused absences will result in a 5 point deduction from your attendence grade. Attendence will be taken through blackboard. If you can’t come to class due to health or other reasons let me know. Excused absences will not count against your attendence grade.

**Health**

If you are feeling any symptoms of illness do not come to class. We can set individual meetings to help you catch up on the material you missed. Also I have recorded lectures from a previous semester that I can send you if you need to miss an extended amount of classes.

**Grading**

Attendence – 10%

Exam 1 - 18%

Exam 2 - 18%

Exam 3 - 18%

Exam 4 - 18%

Final – 18%

Total: 100 %

**Grading Scale (As a percentage of total points)**

A+ = 100-97 A= 96-94 A- = 93-90

B+ = 89-87 B = 86-84 B- = 83-80

C = 79-70

D = 69-60

F < 60

**Drop/Add**

· Students are responsible for verifying their enrollment in this class. Schedule adjustments should be made by the deadlines published in the Schedule of Classes

o August 30 last day to add classes

o September 7 final drop deadline (no tuition penalty)

o September 14 final drop deadline (50% tuition penalty)

o September 15 – September 27 selective withdrawal period (100% tuition liability)

· After the last day to drop a class, withdrawing from this class requires the approval of the dean and is only allowed for nonacademic reasons. Undergraduate students may choose to exercise a selective withdrawal. See the Schedule of Classes for selective withdrawal procedures.

**Mason Honor Code:**

***Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.***

For information regarding the specifics of the honor code, visit <http://oai.gmu.edu/>. If you have a specific question regarding the honor code in this class, please ask me. Any engagement in academic dishonosty can result in an automatic failure of the course and will be reported to the Office of Academic Integrity.

**Communications:**

"Official Communications via GMU E-mail: Mason uses electronic mail to provide official information to students. Examples include communications from course instructors, notices form the library, notices about academic standing, financial aid information, class materials, assignments, questions, and instructor feedback. Students are responsible for the content of university communication sent to their mason e-mail account, and are required to activate that account and check it regularly."

**Accommodations:**

“If you are a student with disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 709-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office.”

**Technology**

A computer will be required to access Blackboard. If you do not have access to a computer, there are many computer labs around campus that are available to you.

**Syllabus**

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| Tuesday | 8/24/2021 | Chapter 1 and syllabus |
| Thursday | 8/26/2021 | Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 |
| Tuesday | 8/31/2021 | Chapter 2 continued |
| Thursday | 9/2/2021 | Chapter 3 |
| Tuesday | 9/7/2021 | Chapter 4 |
| Thursday | 9/9/2021 | Chapter 5 |
| Tuesday | 9/14/2021 | Optional Review Day |
| Thursday | 9/16/2021 | Exam 1: Chapters 1-5 |
| Tuesday | 9/21/2021 | Chapter 6 |
| Thursday | 9/23/2021 | Chapter 7 |
| Tuesday | 9/28/2021 | Chapter 8 |
| Thursday | 9/30/2021 | Chapter 8 continued |
| Tuesday | 10/5/2021 | Chapter 9 |
| Thursday | 10/7/2021 | Optional Review Day |
| Tuesday | 10/12/2021 | No Class Today (Monday's classes meet) |
| Thursday | 10/14/2021 | Exam 2: Chapters 6-9 |
| Tuesday | 10/19/2021 | Chapter 10 |
| Thursday | 10/21/2021 | Chapter 11 |
| Tuesday | 10/26/2021 | Chapter 12 |
| Thursday | 10/28/2021 | Chapter 12 continued |
| Tuesday | 11/2/2021 | Chapter 13 |
| Thursday | 11/4/2021 | Optional Review Day |
| Tuesday | 11/9/2021 | Exam 3: Chapters 10-13 |
| Thursday | 11/11/2021 | Chapter 14 |
| Tuesday | 11/16/2021 | Chapter 15 |
| Thursday | 11/18/2021 | Chapter 16 |
| Tuesday | 11/23/2021 | Chapter 17 |
| Thursday | 11/25/2021 | Thanksgiving Recess |
| Tuesday | 11/30/2021 | Optional Review Day |
| Thursday | 12/2/2021 | Exam 4: Chapters 14-17 |
| Thursday | 12/9/2021 | Final Exam 10:30 AM - 1:15 PM |