

COURSE SYLLABUS
Psychology 351: The Psychology of Personality
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General Policies: All policies of the Psychology Department and University are in effect. Final grades are based exclusively on total points. Improvement will not be taken into consideration. Only final points matter. No extra credit will be given under any circumstances. All grades from A through F will be used to distinguish among levels of academic performance. Plus and minus grades will not be used for upper and lower ends of a grade range. Grades will not be altered unless there is a scoring error documented by the student in a timely manner. While I am sensitive to individual hardships, I am not able to make grade changes based on personal circumstances. There will not be a curve. Missing a grade by one point is not grounds for a grade increase. If you must miss an exam, you must notify the instructor or TA in advance and have a very compelling reason. The only time make-ups may be scheduled are during the class immediately following the exam, except for the first exam when there will be no make-ups.

Exams will be drawn from the PowerPoint presentations, in-class illustrations, and lectures. If there is a conflict between the book materials and lecture only the lecture prevails. Class attendance is required. Any conduct on your part that indicates you have not thoroughly studied and are not following the procedures in the syllabus will result in points being subtracted from your total, and may result in a lower grade. Requests for a grade change, extra credit, or special consideration may therefore cause points to be subtracted from your total. Two such requests will definitely cause your grade to be lowered, as this will be interpreted as e-mail harassment.

Grades will be based on the following scale:

90% = A
80% = B
70% = C
60% = D
Below 60% = F

Cell phones and all other electronic devices except for laptop computers must be completely turned off during all classes. If your cell phone is on during class, you will be asked to leave. If your cell phone or any other electronic equipment is on during a test, you will be given an immediate F. Please do not leave class early except for emergencies as it disturbs other students. You are expected to arrive on time. Lectures will begin immediately at 4:00 p.m.

Cheating will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic F and referral to the relevant Dean or Department Chair. No hats, no visors, no electronic equipment and no notes are permitted during the exam. All books and other personal belongings must be under your chair until you have submitted your scantron. You are advised to look only at your own scantron as tests will be carefully proctored. You must bring a pencil and scantron. None will be provided. Do not allow other students to copy your answers. You must guard your own scantron or it will be assumed you cooperated in the cheating.

You are strongly urged to bring any complaints or problems directly to the instructor or TA as soon as possible. This will provide your best chance of resolving the problem to your satisfaction. Please begin with an e-mail to the TA. THE SCANTRON IS FORM F0289-PAR-L.

E-mail Policy: E-mail harassment will be grounds for a failing grade and referral for academic discipline. Such harassment includes, but is not limited to, use of abusive language and appeals for grade changes or extra credit.

Exams: There will be three tests. All three tests will be held during regularly scheduled class time. Test 1 will be held Tuesday, Jan. 29 and Test 2 will be held on Tuesday, March 25. Test 3 is comprehensive and will be held on Tuesday, April 29. Tests are objective (multiple choice, true/false, matching). The only opportunity you will have to review your exam or take a make-up will be to schedule an appointment with the TA.

Note: The first exam will be held during the second week of classes, and will include all lecture material covered during the first week of lecture, including the syllabus. If you do poorly on this exam, you are strongly advised to drop this class immediately. There will be no consideration given for improvement or hardships. Only total points count toward your grade.

Assignments and class schedule may be modified to meet the educational needs of the class or unexpected developments. Such modifications, if any, will be announced in class.

NO EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN IN ADVANCE. STUDENTS CURRENTLY ON ACADEMIC PROBATION SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS CLASS. FINAL GRADES WILL NOT BE CHANGED UNLESS YOU CAN DOCUMENT A SCORING ERROR WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME (NO MORE THAN 60 DAYS) AFTER GRADES HAVE BEEN POSTED.

Other Issues: If you require accommodations, it is your responsibility to get all necessary signatures in advance. You cannot request an incomplete to avoid a low grade. E-mail the TA first. To review your test, you must make an appointment with the TA. Do not e-mail asking when grades will be posted. Check Blackboard, and grades will be posted as soon as possible. When in doubt, e-mail the TA before the instructor.

Summary of Topics*

Jan. 22	Orientation/medical models	Ch. 1, 2
Jan. 29	Test 1	
Feb. 5	Conflict Models	Ch. 3
Feb. 12	Conflict Models: Erickson/Allport	
Feb. 19	Behavioral Models	Ch. 2 pp. 60-66
Feb. 26	Cognitive Models	Ch. 2 pp. 66-77
March 4	Humanist/Treatment	Ch. 2 pp. 52-59; Ch. 12
March 11	Optional Review	
March 18	Study for Exam	
March 25	Test 2	
April 1	Spring Recess	
April 8	Communication/Stress	Ch. 4, 5
April 15	Healthy Personality	Ch. 12, 13
April 22	Optional Review	
April 29	Test 3	
May 6	Individual Meetings – Meet with TA	

* Chapters are suggested reading. The book is optional and will be on limited loan in the library for your convenience. All exams will be drawn from the PowerPoint and in-class presentations.