

Renison College
Psychology 322R
Personality Theories

Fall 2007

Instructor: Kathy Foxall

Place: Renison, O201

Time: Tuesday 6:30-9:30

Office: Room 103/0208 Renison

Contact

Please speak with me in person before, during, or after class or during office hours. I would much rather speak with you than communicate by e-mail, but if you need to write to me, please contact me through UW ACE mail on the course website. Please note that I am reluctant to give out information by e-mail that has already been communicated in class. Also note that voicemail is unreliable as my office is shared with a dozen other people.

Office Hours: Tuesday 6-6:25, Thursday 11:15-12:00, other times by appointment.

Texts: Ryckman, R.M., (2008). *Theories of Personality*. Toronto: Thomson Wadsworth (Nelson).

Youtube site:

There is a Youtube account named **Personalitytheories**. You can find the account by going to the Youtube site, <http://youtube.com/index> and entering the key words Trent WLU Renison. Some of the videos on this account are directly related to the course. If I can find a way to show internet content in the assigned classroom I will show some of the Youtube videos in class. **You will be responsible only for the videos that are shown in class, whether they come from Youtube or other sources.**

Course Description:

In this course we will consider classic and contemporary personality theories, and evaluate their usefulness in understanding human behaviour. We will consider recent empirical research, and we will also consider methods used in personality assessment. It is hoped that this course will be meaningful to you, and will lead you to a deeper intellectual and personal understanding of the complexity of human behaviour.

UW ACE, online notes, and class attendance:

I post lecture notes online so you will be able to listen and think about the material during the class without excessive writing. You will need to take some additional notes of your own in class. Although the lecture notes are detailed, students who come to class typically receive higher grades than those who do not.

Videos & DVDs shown in class

There will be questions on the tests and the exam about videos and DVDs shown in class. The videos and DVDs come from several sources. Some of the videos are owned by UW, and you may arrange for a private screening of those videos so long as the videos are not out on loan. Some videos are on loan from other universities, and are not available for direct use by students. Other videos come from my own private collection. Due to previous losses, I no longer lend my own videos.

Methods of Evaluation:

1. Midterm test **30%** **October 16**

(On material from weeks 1-5)

2. Final exam **40%** **TBS December 6-20.**

(Includes material from October 16 after test 1, up to and including the last class on November 27)

3. Required essay **Due October 30 OR November 26.**

If you hand in your essay in class on October 30 (by 9:00 PM at the latest), I will return it to you with a grade in class on November 13. This will give you time to decide if you want to write the optional essay.

4. Optional essay **Due November 26**

If you write the optional essay, the essay component of your grade will still be given a weighting of 30%. The essay that receives the better grade will be worth 2/3 of the essay grade, (20 out of 30 points), and the other essay will receive a grade worth 1/3 of the essay component of the final grade (10/30 points).

Test and exam material: The midterm and final exam will consist of multiple choice & short answer questions. The midterm and the exam cover all assigned readings and material covered in class for the time periods specified above. Videos are considered to be part of the class, and there will be questions about the videos on the test and exam. Unfortunately, I cannot arrange alternate screening times for videos, and I do not lend my own videos.

Travel plans during the exam period:

Note that student travel plans are not acceptable grounds for granting an alternative final examination time. Students are not to schedule trips for the exam period until after the exam schedule is available and they are able to plan any trips to avoid time conflicts.

Note for students with disabilities:

The Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD), located in Needles Hall, Room 1132, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with the OPD at the beginning of each academic term.

Avoidance of academic offenses:

Note on avoidance of academic offenses: All students registered in the courses of the Faculty of Arts are expected to know what constitutes an academic offense, to avoid committing academic offenses, and to take responsibility for their academic actions. When the commission of an offense is established, disciplinary penalties will be imposed in accord with Policy #71 (Student Academic Discipline). For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students are directed to consult the summary of Policy #71 (Student Academic Discipline) which is supplied in the Undergraduate Calendar (p.1:11). If you need help in learning how to avoid offenses such as plagiarism, cheating, and double submission, or if you need clarification of aspects of the discipline policy, ask your course instructor for guidance. Other resources regarding the discipline policy are your academic advisor and the Undergraduate Associate Dean.

Class Date	Course schedule for PSYCH 322R 2007 Fall	Text Chapter
September 11	Personality & the scientific outlook Freud	1 & 2
September 18	Freud continued	2
September 25	Adler's Individual psychology	4
October 2	Horney's Social & Cultural Psychoanalysis	5
Oct. 9	Rogers Person-centered theory.	13
October 16	Midterm test on all material covered in class, and all readings (Chs. 1,2,4,5,13) up to and including October 9. This includes any videos. There will be a class on Maslow after the test.	12
October 23	Maslow's self actualization position continued. Five Factor theory (FFT).	12, & pp 639-648
October 30	Interpersonal theories & Interpersonal styles. There will be no textbook readings for this topic; readings will be available on reserve in the Renison and Dana Porter libraries.	Readings on reserve.
November 6	May's Existential-Analytical Position	14
November 13	Bandura's social-cognitive theory	17
November 20	Skinner's Operant Analysis	15
November 27	Last day for this class! Theory and research in contemporary personality psychology	18
Exam TBS	Exam period December 6-20. Exam on all material covered in class and in readings from October 15-November 27.	

POSTING OF FINAL GRADES AT RENISON

It is Renison College policy **NOT** to post grades at any time throughout the academic term in an effort to protect student privacy. Grades will **NOT** be reported over the phone by the main office or the Registrar's office. Final grades will be available on the internet by following the instructions at www.quest.uwaterloo.ca