## Course Schedule

Important: **ALL TIMES EASTERN** - Please see the [University Policies](#) section of your Syllabus for details.

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<td><strong>Week 1:</strong></td>
<td><strong>Introduction to Personality Theory and Research</strong></td>
<td>Groups for <a href="#">Post-Scale Weekly Discussions</a> will be created by Technical Support.</td>
<td>Check after Monday, January 11, 2021 at 4:30 PM</td>
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<td><em>The Personality Puzzle</em>, Chapter 1</td>
<td><strong>Introductory Discussion</strong> <em>(Initial Post)</em></td>
<td>Friday, January 15, 2021 at 11:55 PM</td>
<td>(complete 6 of 10, 16% total)</td>
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<td><strong>Introductory Discussion</strong> <em>(Reply Post)</em> <em>(Complete 6 of the 10 Weekly Discussions)</em></td>
<td>Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 11:55 PM</td>
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<td><strong>Post-Scale Weekly Discussion</strong>, Parts 1 and 2 <em>(Initial Posts)</em></td>
<td>Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 11:55 PM</td>
<td>(complete 6 of 10, 16% total)</td>
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<td><strong>Post-Scale Weekly Discussion</strong>, Parts 1 and 2 <em>(Reply Posts)</em></td>
<td>Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 11:55 PM</td>
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<td><strong>Week 2:</strong></td>
<td><strong>Research Methods 1</strong></td>
<td>Begin working on the <a href="#">Research Methods Worksheet</a>.</td>
<td>Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 11:55 PM</td>
<td>(complete 6 of 8, 24% total)</td>
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<td><em>The Personality Puzzle</em>, Chapters 2, 3, and 4</td>
<td><strong>Weekly Thought Paper</strong> <em>(Complete 6 of 8 Weekly Thought Papers throughout the term)</em></td>
<td>Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 11:55 PM</td>
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<td><em>The Personality Puzzle</em>, Chapter 5</td>
<td><strong>Post-Scale Weekly Discussion</strong>, Parts 1 and 2 <em>(Initial Posts)</em></td>
<td>Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 11:55 PM</td>
<td>(complete 6 of 10, 16% total)</td>
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<td><strong>Week 3:</strong></td>
<td><strong>Research Methods 2</strong></td>
<td><strong>Post-Scale Weekly Discussion</strong>, Parts 1 and 2 <em>(Reply Posts)</em></td>
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### Week 4: The Big Five Personality Factors

*The Personality Puzzle*, Chapter 4 (Review)

- **Post-Scale Weekly Discussion**, Parts 1 and 2 (Initial Posts)
  - Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 11:55 PM (complete 6 of 10, 16% total)

- **Post-Scale Weekly Discussion**, Parts 1 and 2 (Reply Posts)
  - Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 11:55 PM

- **Weekly Thought Paper**
  - Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 11:55 PM (complete 6 of 8, 24% total)

Submit the **Research Methods Worksheet**
- Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 11:55 PM 10%

**If you wish to receive feedback on your participation, you can send an email to your instructor**

### Week 5: Using Personality Traits to Understand Behaviour

*The Personality Puzzle*, Chapter 6

- **Post-Scale Weekly Discussion**, Parts 1 and 2 (Initial Posts)
  - Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 11:55 PM (complete 6 of 10, 16% total)

- **Post-Scale Weekly Discussion**, Parts 1 and 2 (Reply Posts)
  - Monday, February 22, 2021 at 11:55 PM

- **Weekly Thought Paper**
  - Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 11:55 PM (complete 6 of 8, 24% total)

### Reading Week (Saturday, February 13, 2021 to Sunday, February 21, 2021)

**Post-Scale Weekly Discussion**, Parts 1 and 2 (Initial Posts)
- Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 11:55 PM (complete 6 of 10, 16% total)

**Post-Scale Weekly Discussion**, Parts 1 and 2 (Reply Posts)
- Sunday,
Development, and Change

The Personality Puzzle, Chapter 7

Weekly Thought Paper

February 28, 2021 at 11:55 PM

Post-Scale Weekly Discussion, Parts 1 and 2 (Initial Posts)

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 11:55 PM (complete 6 of 8, 24% total)

Week 7: Work on Personality of a Public Figure Paper

Continue working on the Personality of a Public Figure Paper

Week 8: Work on Personality of a Public Figure Paper

Submit the Personality of a Public Figure Paper

Friday, March 19, 2021 at 11:55 PM 25%

Study Days (Saturday, March 13, 2021 to Tuesday, March 16, 2021)

Post-Scale Weekly Discussion, Parts 1 and 2 (Initial Posts)

Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 11:55 PM (complete 6 of 10, 16% total)

Week 9: Personality, Genes, and Evolution

The Personality Puzzle, Chapter 9

Weekly Thought Paper

Friday March 26, 2021 at 11:55 PM (complete 6 of 8, 24% total)

Post-Scale Weekly Discussion, Parts 1 and 2 (Initial Posts)

Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 11:55 PM (complete 6 of 10, 16% total)

Week 10: Self-Esteem

No textbook reading this week

Post-Scale Weekly Discussion, Parts 1 and 2 (Reply Posts)

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 11:55 PM

Weekly Thought Paper

Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 11:55 PM (complete 6 of 8, 24% total)

Post-Scale Weekly

Saturday, April 3,
Week 11: 
Personality 
Processes

The Personality Puzzle
(8th Edition), Chapter 14;
(7th Edition, Chapter 14 and 15)

Weekly Thought Paper
Friday, April 9, 2021 at 11:55 PM
(complete 6 of 8, 24% total)

Post-Scale Weekly Discussion, Parts 1 and 2
(Reply Posts)
Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 11:55 PM

Week 12: 
Personality 
Disorders and Health

The Personality Puzzle,
Chapter 17

Weekly Thought Paper
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 11:55 PM
(complete 6 of 8, 24% total)

Post-Scale Weekly Discussion, Parts 1 and 2
(Reply Posts)
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 11:55 PM

Final Examination
There is no final examination for this course.

Official Grades and Course Access
Official Grades and Academic Standings are available through Quest.

Your access to this course will continue for the duration of the current term. You will not have access to this course once the next term begins.
Contact Information

Announcements

Your instructor uses the Announcements widget on the Course Home page during the term to communicate new or changing information regarding due dates, instructor absence, etc., as needed. You are expected to read the announcements on a regular basis.

To ensure you are viewing the complete list of announcements, you may need to click Show All Announcements.

Discussions

A General Discussion topic* has also been made available to allow students to communicate with peers in the course. Your instructor may drop in at this discussion topic.

Contact Us

Who and Why

Contact Details

Post your course-related questions to the Ask the Instructor discussion topic*. This allows other students to benefit from your question as well.

Instructor

Questions of a personal nature can be directed to your instructor.

- Course-related questions (e.g., course content, deadlines, assignments, etc.)
- Questions of a personal nature

Instructor: Christine Logel
clogel@uwaterloo.ca
Office hours are available by appointment.

TA: Katie Mathias
kemery@uwaterloo.ca

Your instructor checks email and the Ask the Instructor discussion topic* frequently and will make every effort to reply to your questions within 24–48 hours, Monday to Friday.

learnhelp@uwaterloo.ca
Course Description and Learning Outcomes

Course Description

Personality

This course addresses the science of measuring and explaining patterned individual differences in behaviour, including temperaments and traits; values, goals, and personal strivings; and meaning systems and self-narratives. Topics include behavioural, physiological, genetics, and cultural studies of personality; continuity and change in personality over the lifespan; and personality disorders.

Learning Outcomes

- To develop an in-depth knowledge of the psychological study of personality.
- To be able to apply psychological research to assess peoples’ personality for research and applied purposes.
- To understand the current issues, methods, and topics in personality psychology.
- To develop the ability to relate the findings of personality research to your life and to important issues in our society and the world at large.
- To build and improve writing skills.
To build and improve skills at having substantive online discussions.

This online course was developed by Christine Logel, with instructional design and multimedia development support provided by the Centre for Extended Learning. Further media production was provided by Instructional Technologies and Multimedia Services.

About the Course Author and Instructor - Dr. Christine Logel

Educational Background

Dr. Logel has enduring ties to University of Waterloo. She completed her BA in Psychology and Applied Studies Co-op — a program which has now evolved into Arts and Business Co-op — and then did her PhD in Social Psychology at Waterloo as well, under the supervision of Dr. Steven J. Spencer. After a SSHRC-funded postdoctoral fellowship at University of Colorado Boulder and Stanford University, she returned to Waterloo for a CIHR-funded postdoctoral fellowship in Chronic Disease Prevention. She was hired as an Assistant Professor at Renison in 2011 and promoted to Associate Professor of Social Development Studies in 2016.

Current Research

Dr. Logel studies social psychological processes that contribute to social problems and negatively impact individual well-being. One particular focus has been the effects on people when they are
judged in light of negative group stereotypes. Currently, she focuses on developing and rigorously testing brief, targeted social psychological interventions that guide people to face challenges with the most adaptive mindset — one that allows them to tap into the resources available to them, both in their environment and inside themselves.

**Teaching Background**

Dr. Logel has taught Introductory Psychology, Social Cognition, Personality Psychology, Social Psychology, and Honours Seminars on Race and Gender Equality and on Psychological Interventions. She applies what she learns in her research, focusing on guiding students on how to equip themselves with the skills and resources that can help them flourish in their education and beyond.

**Outside of Work**

Dr. Logel is a big fan of trampolines, winter jogging, the entire Bachelor franchise, and the Social Development Studies program. Where appropriate, she tells people about her invisible disabilities — a chronic illness in addition to an anxiety disorder — so others know they are not alone.

**Materials and Resources**

**Textbook**

*Required*


Used versions of the 7th Edition (2015) are available from a variety of sources. The 8th edition is not hugely different from the 7th but you are responsible for making sure you are reading the correct topics.

*For textbook ordering information, please contact the [W Store | Course Materials + Supplies](#)*

For your convenience, you can compile a list of required and optional course materials through [BookLook](#) using your Quest userID and password. If you are having difficulties ordering online and wish to call the Waterloo Bookstore, their phone number is +1 519-888-4673 or toll-free at +1 866-330-7933. Please be aware that textbook orders CANNOT be taken over the phone.

**Course Reserves**

Course Reserves can be accessed using the [Library Resources](#) widget on the [Course Home](#) page.
Resources

- Library services for Co-op students on work term and Extended Learning students

Grade Breakdown

The following table represents the grade breakdown of this course.

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<td>Introductory Discussion (x1)</td>
<td>You choose 6 of the 10 Weekly Discussions to participate in and be marked on (2.67% each). If you complete more than 6, we will mark the first 6.</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>Post-Scale Weekly Discussions (x9)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weekly Thought Papers (x8)</td>
<td>You choose 6 of the 8 thought papers to complete and be marked on (4% each). If you complete more than 6, we will mark the first 6.</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>Research Methods Worksheet</td>
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<td>Personality of a Public Figure Paper</td>
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<td>Personality Applied to Yourself Paper</td>
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Course Policies

Late Penalties

The official policy is that there will be a late penalty of five percent per day for Activities and Assignments submitted late. Any assignment over one week late will receive a grade of zero. However, we understand that life happens, especially during a pandemic, and so there may be some instances when we can offer flexibility. If you are struggling with the course, or with any particular assignment, please email your instructor and together you can determine appropriate supports and, if absolutely necessary, documentation. We are here to support your learning, growth, and success, however you define success.

Caregiver Responsibilities Policy
We have great respect for students who are balancing their pursuit of education with the responsibilities of caring for children or other family members. If you run into challenges that require you to miss scheduled assignments, or if your caregiving responsibilities are interfering with your ability to engage in remote learning, please contact the instructor or the TA. There may be some instances of flexibility we can offer to support your learning.

School-Life Conflict

Many students face obstacles to their education as a result of work or family obligations or unforeseen personal difficulties. If you are experiencing challenges throughout the term that are impacting your ability to succeed in this course, or in your undergraduate career more broadly, please reach out to your instructor or your TA immediately so that you can work together to form a plan for your academic success.

Planning Ahead for Additional Accommodations

Regular life can be challenging enough. Life during a pandemic can be overwhelming. Please contact your instructor ahead of time if you foresee significant challenges this term so that you can, together, plan accommodations ahead of time. This course is designed to allow for challenges (i.e. students only complete 6 of 10 Discussions and 6 of 8 Thought Papers so they could, in theory, skip entire weeks of the course) but if other barriers are cropping up, we will support you to the extent that we are able.

Group Work

Please contact your discussion group members to let them know when you are not participating in a discussion that week, even if that nonparticipation is part of the course structure (i.e. there are 10 discussions and each student only does six) or has been approved by the course instructor.

This way, group members can contact the instructor if they somehow find themselves with only two people in their group, making it difficult for them to complete the discussions.

University Policies

Submission Times

Please be aware that the University of Waterloo is located in the Eastern Time Zone (GMT or UTC-5 during standard time and UTC-4 during daylight saving time) and, as such, the time that your activities and/or assignments are due is based on this zone. If you are outside the Eastern Time Zone
Accommodation Due to Illness

If your instructor has provided specific procedures for you to follow if you miss assignment due dates, term tests, or a final examination, adhere to those instructions. Otherwise:

Missed Assignments/Tests/Quizzes

Contact the instructor as soon as you realize there will be a problem, and preferably within 48 hours, but no more than 72 hours, have a medical practitioner complete a Verification of Illness Form.

Email a scanned copy of the Verification of Illness Form to your instructor. In your email to the instructor, provide your name, student ID number, and exactly what course activity you missed.

Further information regarding Management of Requests for Accommodation Due to Illness can be found on the Accommodation due to illness page.

Missed Final Examinations

Your faculty determines academic accommodation; therefore we advise you to speak with your professor if you anticipate being unable to fulfill academic requirements due to illness or other extenuating circumstances.

Further information about Examination Accommodations is available in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Academic Integrity

In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. If you have not already completed the online tutorial regarding academic integrity you should do so as soon as possible. Undergraduate students should see the Academic Integrity Tutorial and graduate students should see the Graduate Students and Academic Integrity website.

Proper citations are part of academic integrity. Citations in CEL course materials usually follow CEL style, which is based on APA style. Your course may follow a different style. If you are uncertain which style to use for an assignment, please confirm with your instructor or TA.

For further information on academic integrity, please visit the Office of Academic Integrity.

Turnitin

Turnitin.com: Text matching software (Turnitin®) may be used to screen assignments in this course. Turnitin® is used to verify that all materials and sources in assignments are documented. Students’
submissions are stored on a U.S. server, therefore students must be given an alternative (e.g., scaffolded assignment or annotated bibliography), if they are concerned about their privacy and/or security. Students will be given due notice, in the first week of the term and/or at the time assignment details are provided, about arrangements and alternatives for the use of Turnitin® in this course.

It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor if they, in the first week of term or at the time assignment details are provided, wish to submit the alternate assignment.

Turnitin® at Waterloo

Discipline

A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity to avoid committing an academic offence, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration, should seek guidance from the course instructor, academic advisor, or the undergraduate Associate Dean. For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71 - Student Discipline. For typical penalties, check Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties.

Appeals

A decision made or penalty imposed under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances, (other than a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline, may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes he/she has a ground for an appeal should refer to Policy 72 - Student Appeals.

Grievance

A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4. When in doubt please be certain to contact the department’s administrative assistant who will provide further assistance.

Final Grades

In accordance with Policy 46 - Information Management, Appendix A - Access to and Release of Student Information, the Centre for Extended Learning does not release final examination grades or final course grades to students. Students must go to Quest to see all final grades. Any grades posted in Waterloo LEARN are unofficial.

AccessAbility Services
AccessAbility Services, located in Needles Hall, 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 accommodation to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with AccessAbility Services at the beginning of each academic term and for each course.

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