

Introduction to Personality

Psychology 205
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General Course Information

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Required Texts: *Personality: Classic Theories and Modern Research, 3/E* by Friedman & Schustack;
The Personality Reader, 2/E by Schustack & Friedman
Text's Companion Website: http://wps.ablongman.com/ab_friedman_personality_3/
Class meets: 8:30 a.m., M-F, A130

Course Description

Examines assumptions about the nature of humankind. Students focus on psychometric techniques as well as major theories and theorists. Prerequisite: PSYC& 100 (prev PSYCH 100).

Course Requirements

✓ Article Analyses:

You will read and analyze nine articles from *The Personality Reader*. I will assign one article to you from each of the nine sections in the *Reader*, and you will prepare a written analysis.

- Written analyses will be graded for accuracy (40%), comprehensiveness (40%) and readability (20%).
- Analyses must be type-written, and submitted in a hard copy by the date due (early submissions are OK).
- Each analysis should be 2-3 pages, double-spaced.
- I will not accept emailed submissions; I will return them unread.
- Analyses are due on the dates indicated on the Course Calendar.
- Please follow this format for your submissions:

Your Name Article Name Author's Full Name Double space your analysis, please.

✓ **Midterms:**

There will be three midterms, on the dates indicated on the calendar. Midterms will consist of multiple-choice and short-answer questions. Each midterm will be worth 10% of your final grade.

- **Materials:** You will need a scantron form and a #2 pencil for all midterms. Neither of these materials will be provided, so be sure to bring them with you. You may use the backs of used scantrons to save on scantrons.
- **Preparing for Midterms:**
 - The text's companion website has quizzes that will provide a very good basis for the types of questions that will appear on the midterms.
 - In addition, the text's website includes flashcards and chapter objectives.
 - I will post a study guide for each midterm on our web page, in the link called "Study Guides." See the description of study guides in the Final Exam section, below.
- **Extra Credit on Midterms:**
 - You can earn one extra credit point per chapter on each midterm by taking the practice quiz for each chapter at the text's companion website.
 - Make sure that you click on "submit for grading" when you're done.
 - Complete the "Email your results" form:
 1. Enter your full name (First and Last)
 2. Check the "me" box and enter your own email address in the provided box (this will send a copy to your email address; keep for your records)
 3. Check the "instructor" box and enter my email address (jseiver@bellevuecollege.edu) in the provided box (this will send a copy to my email address)
 4. Leave the "send as" column in its default "text" status.
 - To save time, if you're going to use the same computer each time, you can complete the "profile" at the bottom of the menu list, and your preferences will be saved.
- **Make-up midterms:**
 - I will allow a make-up of a missed midterm if it was missed for one of the following, documented, reasons:
 1. Personal illness or injury, documented by a doctor's note, and with notification to me before the test is missed (via phone or email)
 2. Death in the immediate family, documented by a note from the funeral director.
 - Midterms must be made up within one week of the test's date.
 - If you know you're going to miss a midterm, we can administer the test before the scheduled date so that you won't miss it. No make-ups after the midterm when the absence is planned.

✓ **Final Exam:**

There will be a cumulative final on the date indicated on the syllabus, in accordance with the BCC final exam schedule. It will cover all of the chapters we've covered in class, and will be comprised of essay questions. The final will account for 20% of your final grade in class.

- **Missed Final:** There will be no make-ups allowed, except in the following cases.
 - Personal illness or injury, documented by a doctor's note, and with notification to me before the test is missed (via phone or email)
 - Death in the immediate family, documented by a note from the funeral director.
 - To qualify for a make-up final, you will need to notify me (by email or phone)

message) PRIOR to the final exam start time. We will have to make special arrangements for a make-up.

- **Early Final:** No, you may not take the final early. Do not make travel plans that take you out of town prior to your assigned finals day.

✓ **Friday Projects:**

Each Friday in class, you will work with a partner or a group on one or more project. You will receive credit for attendance and completion of the assigned task(s). I do not have substitute assignments to allow for make-ups of this assignment, so I will allow you to drop one Friday.

✓ **Attendance:**

You are required to attend on Fridays to participate in the in-class projects, and you're required to take exams on their assigned dates. Attendance on other days will not be required, but it is encouraged. I expect that you will attend lectures. There is a great deal of information presented in the text, and the lectures will serve to narrow that information down. Also, there will be a large number of demonstrations, film clips, and participatory activities that will enhance your experience.

Academic integrity

It is assumed that all students will maintain the highest academic integrity. Cheating of any sort, including copying on exams, falsifying records, plagiarism (e.g. copying and pasting from a website, collaborating on tests), etc. will not be tolerated, and suspected cheaters will be reported to the Dean of Academic Education.

Grade Distribution

A:	95-100%
A-:	90-94%
B+:	87-89%
B:	84-86%
B-:	80-83%
C+:	77-79%
C:	74-76%
C-:	70-73%
D+:	67-69%
D:	60-66%
F:	<=59%

Grade Breakdown

Article Analyses:	9 @ 3.33%	=	30%
Midterms:	3 @ 10%	=	30%
Final	1 @ 20%	=	20%
Projects:	10 @ 4%	=	20%
Total:			100%

Incompletes and Hardship Withdrawals

These options are reserved for students who, through unforeseeable circumstances, cannot complete a course that they were passing. If you wish to request one of these grading options, the following criteria must be met:

1. You are passing the class at the time of the request.
2. You must make your request in writing, explaining the circumstances and including any documentation.
3. In the case of an Incomplete, the circumstances must be acute. That is, they must be something that prevents completion of the course within the current quarter, but that would be resolved in time for the student to complete the course work within the next quarter.
4. In the case of a Hardship Withdrawal, the circumstances must be ongoing, such that the student would not be able to complete the course work within the following quarter. In other words, a student could not request a hardship withdrawal and then retake the course the following quarter.
5. Qualifying circumstances for Incompletes and Hardship Withdrawals *are limited to*:
 - a. Death in the immediate family (spouse, child, parent) documented by a funeral director's note.
 - b. Significant illness or injury (documented by a doctor's note) of self or a person for whom the student is primarily responsible.
 - c. Relocation outside of the Bellevue Community College area.

Inclement Weather

If there is a winter storm and campus is open but you're not sure whether I will be holding class, please call my voicemail. If I'm cancelling my classes, I will leave a message telling you so. If the standard message plays, then class is going on as scheduled.

Course Calendar

Week	Date	Topic	Chapter
1	9/22 9/23-24 9/25-26	Welcome! What is Personality? How is Personality Studied and Assessed?	1 2
2	9/29-10/3 10/3	Psychoanalytic Aspects of Personality Article Analysis 1 Due	3
3	10/6-10 10/10	Neo-analytic and Ego Aspects of Personality Article Analysis 2 Due	4
4	10/13-17 10/17	Biological Aspects of Personality Article Analysis 3 Due	5
5	10/20 10/21-24 10/24	Midterm 1 Behaviorist and Learning Aspects of Personality Article Analysis 4 Due	1-5 6
6	10/27-28 10/29 10/30-31 10/31	Cognitive and Social-Cognitive Aspects of Personality No School: College Issues Day Cognitive and Social-Cognitive Aspects of Personality, cont'd Article Analysis 5 Due	7
7	11/3-7 11/7	Trait and Skill Aspects of Personality Article Analysis 6 Due	8
8	11/10 11/11 11/12-14 11/14	Midterm 2 No School: Faculty Professional Development Humanistic and Existential Aspects of Personality Article Analysis 7 Due	6-8 9
9	11/17-21 11/21	Person-Situation Interactionist Aspects of Personality Article Analysis 8 Due	10
10	11/24-25 11/25-26 11/27-28	Male-Female Differences Stress, Adjustment, and Health Differences No School: Thanksgiving	11 12
11	12/1-2 12/3-4 12/5 12/5	Culture and Ethnicity: Processes and Differences Love and Hate Article Analysis 9 Due Midterm 3	13 14 9-14
12	12/10	Final Exam: 7:30 - 9:20 a.m.	1-14

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION
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Cheating, Stealing and Plagiarizing*

Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one's own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue Community College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Dean of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue Community College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Dean of Student Services.

Incomplete

If a student fails to complete all the required work for a course, an instructor may assign the grade of Incomplete ("I"). The student must complete the coursework by the end of the next quarter, or receive the assigned letter grade (usually an "F").

F Grade

Students who fail a course will receive a letter grade of "F."

Final Examination Schedule

The Social Science Division will adhere to the final examination schedule as stated in the BCC Schedule. Final examinations will be held at the end of each quarter at fixed times. Instructors will not give examinations in advance of the regular schedule. A student who is absent from any examination held at any time during the quarter may forfeit the right to make up the examination. If, for illness or some other circumstance beyond the student's control, the student is unable to be present at any scheduled examination and has contacted the instructor on a timely basis, the student may be permitted to take such examination at a time designated by the instructor.

Withdrawal From Class

College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the seventh week of the quarter (Registration Office, B125). If a student has not withdrawn by that date, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned for the course.

Hardship Withdrawal

Instructors may assign the grade of "HW" (hardship withdrawal) at their discretion in the event that a student cannot complete the coursework due to extreme and exceptional circumstances. Students may also contact the Enrollment Services office BEFORE grades are assigned in cases of hardship.

Students Who Require Disability Accommodations:

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are encouraged to meet with the Disability Support Services (DSS) office located in B132 (telephone 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110), to establish their eligibility for accommodation. The DSS office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter. Students who require accommodation in class should review the DSS accommodation letter with each instructor during the first week of the quarter.

Students with mobility challenges who may need assistance in case of an emergency situation or evacuation should register with Disability Support Services, and review those needs with the instructor as well.

Distribution of Grades

Grades will not be posted in the Social Science Division or in faculty offices, and secretaries will not give out grades. Students should access their grades through the BCC Web site.

Return of Papers and Tests

Paper and/or Scantron score sheet returns will be arranged in the following ways ONLY: by mail, if student supplies the instructor with stamped, self-addressed envelope (with appropriate postage); or by the instructor designating a time and place whereby the student may retrieve his/her papers. Unclaimed papers and/or Scantron score sheets must be kept by the instructor for a minimum of sixty (60) instructional days following the end of the quarter.

**If you are accused of cheating, stealing exams and/or plagiarism, there is a Bellevue Community College Student Discipline and Appeals Procedure (the right to due process) which you may pursue. Contact the office of Division Chair (A251), the Dean of Student Services (B231A) or the Associated Student Body (C212) for information regarding the appeals process.*