Course Name: Advanced Personality Theories  
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SYLLABUS

I: TEXT (REQUIRED):


II: COURSE DESCRIPTION

Psychology 5322 is a graduate level course examining the principle theories of personality. During this semester we will examine how theories of personality are developed. We will read the original work of some of the most important and influential theorists in the history of psychology, and learn how these theorists conceptualized healthy and unhealthy personality development. I have not designated a textbook for this course. If you have not studied undergraduate personality theory you may find an undergraduate text helpful in filling in background information.

The lectures will move quickly and be highly detailed and applied (related to clinical practice), in nature. You will not succeed in this course if you do not read the assignments. I will not necessarily lecture the content of the texts but certainly their insights into psychological development and processes. I will assume you have done your
work and have read the assignment. It is critical to your success that you attend these lectures and participate in the discussions.

III: LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Below are the specific learning outcomes of this course of study;

1. To know the designated theories of personality as postulated by the theorists themselves in these major works.
2. To understand the strengths and weakness of the major personality theories,
3. To understand how normal and pathological personality develops.

IV: EXAMS

There will be two examinations worth 200 points each. Examinations will be given on the dates listed in the syllabus. The examinations may be either “blue book” essays, or take home exams or presentations. There will be no formal make-up exams. Provisions may be arranged in special circumstances. Your exams and papers will be held by me for 30 days after the end of the semester. You can copy them at your expense if you wish to have them earlier. All exams must be turned in electronically to the email listed above. They exam must be submitted in .txt format so that all word processing programs can be read. If you have questions about how to accomplish this ask your professor.

RECICATIVO: You will be called upon on a number of occasions upon to join the instructor in presenting the readings assigned for class. Your participation will be graded according to the following rubric:

- Demonstration of having read the material – 5 points
- Demonstration of having understood the material - 20 points
- Ability to effectively communicate what you have learned from the readings – 20 points
- Ability to answer questions about the material – 15 points

V: TERM PAPER

There will be a 25-page paper due on the date indicated in the syllabus. The paper will be 25-pages of text not including the title page, abstract page, references, figures graphs, or tables. The paper will be written in accordance with the style manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th Edition. Copies of this manual are available in bookstores, on-line and in the reference section of the Bell Library. The paper will be worth 300 points, and the outline will be worth between 0 and 20 points of extra credit depending on the quality of the work. We will be discussing the paper throughout the course and I will be involved in the effort with each of you. I will choose the topic with your suggestions considered. I will be available to assist you in your outlines, review your research, and look over your drafts. The paper will be due on the date indicated in the syllabus. Your grade will be determined on your quantity and quality of your work and your progress in
learning the process of writing a graduate paper. Late papers are accepted at a penalty of 10 points per calendar day.

**VI: ATTENDANCE**

Class attendance is mandatory. It will not be possible to successfully complete this course without regular attendance. If you miss a class, however, you still will be held responsible for all that transpired during that class, including schedule changes, material covered, and exams given.

**VII: DETERMINATION OF GRADES**

Course grades will be based primarily on the total number of points earned by the end of the semester. There are 700 possible points. To receive an “A” for the course, you will need 631 points (or 90% of the possible points). A “B” requires 561 points (80%), a “C” requires 491.

At the discretion of the instructor a student’s grade may be raised but never lowered, for any of the following reasons:

1. Quality of class attendance and participation,
2. Improvement throughout the course
3. Isolated low grade.

These exceptions to the “total points” rule will be considered only when a student’s final average is within a few points of the cut-off for the next highest grade.

The grade of “Incomplete” is not an automatic grade. Arrangements for this must be made with me prior to the end of the semester. A minimum requirement for eligibility will be that the student has successfully passed more than half of the course when an “I” is given. According to university regulations, the student must initiate the paperwork necessary to receive an “I”.

**VIII: ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITY**

The University Catalog and Student Handbook discuss plagiarism and academic dishonesty. Any student violating these rule or code of conduct will be held responsible.

**IX: STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Corpus Christi Hall, Room 116.

If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.
X: ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. Degree plans are prepared in the CLA Academic Advising Center. The University uses an online Degree Audit system. Any amendment must be approved by the Department Chair and the Office of the Dean. All courses and requirements specified in the final degree plan audit must be completed before a degree will be granted. The CLA Academic Advising Office is located in Driftwood #203. For more information, please call 361-825-3466.

XI: GRADE APPEALS

As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, a student who believes that he/she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules website at: http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, student may contact the Associate Dean’s office or visit the College of Liberal Arts website, http://cla.tamucc.edu/about/student-resources.html.

XII: OFFICE HOURS

Room: Bay Hall 3.59
Monday: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.
Other times by appointment

READING ASSIGNMENTS

01/22 Course Introduction
Brief Biography of Sigmund Freud, Pages vii - xx
An Outline of Psycho-Analysis – Part I - 1 to 48
I A Psychical Apparatus
II The Theory of Instincts
III The Development of Sexual Function
IV Psychical Qualities
V Dream-Interpretation as an Illustration

01/29 Sigmund Freud. An Outline of Psycho-Analysis Parts II & III 49 – 97
VI  The Technique of Psycho-Analysis
VII  An Example of Psycho-Analytic Work
VIII The Psychical Apparatus and the External World
IX  The Internal World

02/05  Carl Gustav Jung.  Pages 1 - 80

02/12  Carl Gustav Jung.  Pages 81 - 160

Précise 1 assigned

02/19  Erik Erikson. Identity and the Life Cycle. –  Pages 7 – 107
1. Prefaces
2. Ego Development and Historical Change – Clinical Notes

02/26  Erik Erikson. Identity and the Life Cycle. –  Pages 108 - 175
3. The Problem of Ego Identity.

Précise 1 due

03/05  Viktor E. Frankl. Man’s Search for Meaning.  Page numbers depend on the edition but the parts are the same.

Preface by Gordon Allport
Preface to the 1984 Edition
PART ONE – Experiences in a Concentration Camp

Précise 2 assigned

03/12  Viktor E. Frankl. Man’s Search for Meaning.  Pages 1 – 126
PART TWO – Logotherapy in a Nutshell
POSTSCRIPT – A Case for a Tragic Optimism

03/12  Take Home Examination 1 Distributed

Précise 2 due

03/19  Rollo May. Existence – Part I: Introduction  Pages 1 – 126
Part II: Phenomenology.  Pages 127 – 189

03/26  Examination 1 Due

04/02  Rollo May. Existence – Part III – Existential Analysis  190 - 435

Précise 2 due
04/09  George A. Kelly. “A Theory of Personality: the psychology of personal constructs.”
        Introduction
        *Constructive Alternativism*  Pages 3 – 45

        Précise 3 assigned

04/16  George A. Kelly. “A Theory of Personality: the psychology of personal constructs.”
        The Basic Theory –  Pages 46 – 104
        The Nature of Personal Constructs –  Pages 105 – 184

        Distribute Exam 2


        Précise 3 due


12/04  Clinical applications of Personality Theory, Assessment and Treatment

        Examination #2 Due on final exam date