Course Syllabus
Psychology 4333.002 - Theories of Personality
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Lecture Days / Times / Location
MW 12:30-1:45 / Room 230 HSCI

Technology Rules
No computers, cell phones, or other handheld devices are permitted in class during lecture. I may occasionally ask students to search for something on the WWW during class. At that point, you may use your electronic device.

Course Goals
In this course we will discuss the “grand theories” of personhood created by Freud and Jung. We’ll also go back further in time to briefly discuss Thomas Aquinas’ anthropology and personalism as well. Regarding more contemporary views, we’ll examine personality psychology through the lenses of trait theory and biology. Along the way we’ll become familiar with the measurement and assessment procedures employed by past and contemporary personality psychologists. We will also read short stories and other literature; therefore please be advised that this course requires a great deal of reading. In the end, though, we’ll be able to think more deeply and completely about the question, “What does it mean to be a human person?”

Topics Covered
“Grand theories” of personhood (Freud, Jung, Adler, Kelly, Rogers, Traits, Biological Models)
Thomas Aquinas’ anthropology
Modern Trait Theory
Personality Research Methods
Philosophy of science (mixed in throughout the semester)

Materials
Course Website: http://psychology.okstate.edu/faculty/jgrice/Psyc4333/
Check the website for assignments, relevant links, and additional readings

Text: No Textbook! We will be reading short stories or material that can be found online. Xeroxed or scanned material will also be provided throughout the semester.

Books / Short Stories:
The Stranger by Albert Camu
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
Man’s Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl

Other Selections:
Alfred Adler          St. Thomas Aquinas          Sigmund Freud
Carl Jung            George A. Kelly             Carl Rogers
Prerequisites
Psyc 1113 for psychology majors and minors. Other students should talk to the instructor before taking this course.

Specifics
Exams: There are no exams for this course. Instead, we will have numerous pop quizzes throughout the semester. Each quiz will cover the unique material from the preceding lectures as well as the readings, and each quiz will involve multiple choice, true/false, matching items, and fill-in-the-blank items. You can miss one quiz without penalty. This excludes the last two quizzes of the semester (i.e., you must take the last two quizzes). The quizzes will be administered on random days throughout the semester. Some weeks, we may not have a quiz, while for other weeks we may have two quizzes (one each lecture period). You cannot assume, therefore, because a quiz was administered on Monday, one will not be administered on Wednesday as well.

Homework: Homework will be assigned throughout the semester. These projects will typically involve reading literature or journal articles, writing short essays, and completing and evaluating personality measures.

Grading
Your final grade will be based upon the percentage of total points you earn on the quizzes and homework assignments. Each quiz will be converted to a percentage. Your average percent correct across all quizzes will equal your final grade. The quizzes will be weighted 93% of your final grade, and the homework will be weighted 7%.

(90-100% : A) (80-89: B) (70-79 : C) (60-69 : D) (0-59 : F)

Additional Credit
You may participate in psychological studies through the SONA system to earn extra percentage points. Each experiment you participate in will be worth 5 points, and you may participate in up to 2 studies for 10 total points. You may participate in any study for any number of credits to earn the points. These points will be added to your lowest quiz grade; therefore, you can raise your lowest quiz by one letter grade. For example, if your lowest quiz grade is 80 and you earn all 10 points, then your grade for the quiz will be raised to 90. If you would prefer not to participate in a psychological study, but would still like to earn the extra points, you may complete a 5-page (double-spaced) paper discussing a topic of your choosing that is related to personality psychology. The topic must be approved by me, and each 5-page paper will be worth 5 points.

Course and OSU Policies
Attendance: I will not take roll in this class, but you are expected to attend every lecture. The quizzes will not be announced in advance.

Special needs: If you have special needs due to a disability, please see me immediately so that arrangements can be made. If you have other special needs, likewise, see me during the first week of class.

Other information: Details on where to get help throughout the semester and other important information can be found at:

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