Psychology 3430: Theories of Personality
Weber State University

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SPECIAL NOTE TO THE STUDENT:
This syllabus will serve as a contract between you and the instructor. If you decide to stay in this course, you are agreeing to abide by the guidelines and standards in this document. If you feel that you are unwilling or unable to abide by the standards and guidelines in this document, you are STRONGLY encouraged to take this course from another instructor.

TEXTBOOK (Required):

OBJECTIVES:
I expect that you will:
Gain familiarity with the various theories of personality and relevant research.
Be able to compare and contrast these theories.
Be able to critically evaluate these theories.
Increase your writing and oral communication skills.

GRADING:
The following point system and grade scale will be used.

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Grading Scale:  A 920+, A- 900-919, B+ 880-899, B 820-879, B- 800-819,
E 0-599

Exams:
The exams will consist of multiple-choice items. The exams are NOT comprehensive, and they will be designed to last approximately 1 hour. The exams will cover content from your text and class discussions/assignments. Study guides for each exam can be found under the Files tab in Canvas.
You will be able to access the exams at any WSU Testing Center via ChiTester. Each exam will be available to you from the beginning of the term until the deadline noted in Canvas. There is no penalty for completing exams early. If you do not take the exam by the deadline, you have 2 business days to complete the exam, but a 20% penalty will be taken. **If you do not complete the exam by the end of the 2-business day window, your score will be a zero. There will be no way to make up these points, so you will want to take the exam on time.**

It is my expectation that you work alone and **NOT** use your textbook or any notes as you take the exams. Cheating on exams will result in immediate failure of the course and a report of your behavior to the department chair and the Dean of Students.

**Chapter Homework Assignments:**
The Homework Assignments are available on Canvas from the first day of the term until the deadline noted on Canvas. You can repeat each assignment as many times as you like until you get the score you want. The computer only records the highest score. Because you have easy access to the Homework for such a long time, **LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**In-Class Assignments:**
Twelve times, randomly scattered throughout the semester, there will be assignments that can only be completed in class. The assignments may involve group work, completing a study, or some type of reflection exercise. Only 10 of these assignments will count officially toward your grade, so you can miss 2 without any penalty. If you complete all 12 assignments, the extra points will count for extra credit.

**Paper:**
The purpose of the paper is to apply what you've learned from the class. More detailed directions will be in Canvas.

**Extra Credit:**
Extra credit can potentially be earned by completing all 12 in-class assignments (see above section). Additionally, I may offer the class opportunities to earn small amounts of extra credit. However, I will not make "deals" with individual students for them to earn extra credit points.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**
While every effort will be made to adhere to the course outline, all times, topics, and subjects covered will be at the instructor's discretion and could change. Advance notice will be given if a change is necessary.

As previously stated, your instructor uses Canvas for this course. You will have access to lecture notes, your grade book, and email in this environment. Please check your grade book often to ensure that your assignment and exam grades are entered properly. I may also email the class with announcements.
**Emergency Closure:** If for any reason the university is forced to close for an extended period of time, we will conduct our class via Canvas. Look for announcements on Canvas. Code Purple is a good way to be alerted to campus closures, and you are encouraged to sign up for it.

It is very important that you maintain academic integrity. Any evidence of cheating on exams or engaging in plagiarism will result in immediate failure of the course. Also, a report of your academic dishonesty will be submitted to the Psychology Department Chair and the Dean of Students.

**DISABILITY NOTICE:**
Any student requiring accommodations or services due to a disability must contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) in Room 181 of the Student Services Center (or Room 221 at the Davis Campus). SSD can also arrange to provide course materials (including this syllabus) in alternative formats upon request. Please refer to SSD’s website for more information: [http://weber.edu/ssd](http://weber.edu/ssd).