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Dates: May 1st - June 14th, 2007  
Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30 - 4:30  
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Required Texts:  

Course Description and Overview: An introduction to the scientific study of personality which will consider theory, assessment and research in five approaches to personality: psychodynamic, biological, trait, behavioral and humanistic. Students are encouraged to think critically about the topics presented and expected to engage in relevant class discussions.  

Prerequisites: PSYCH 1AO3, 1AA3; or registration in Honours Biology and Psychology or the Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) program  

Evaluation: Evaluation will be based on two in-class exams and one final exam. The form of the exams will be multiple choice and short answer. The final exam will be CUMULATIVE and will take place on the last day of classes.  

Grading Scale:  
Exam 1 = 25%  
Exam 2 = 25%  
Final Exam = 50%  

100-90 = A+  79-77 = B+  69-67 = C+  59-57 = D+  49-0 = F  
89-85 = A  76-73 = B  66-63 = C  56-53 = D  
84-80 = A-  72-70 = B-  62-60 = C-  52-50 = D-  

Policy Reminder on Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty consists of misrepresentation by deception or by fraudulent means and can result in serious
consequences, e.g., the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript (notation reads: Grade of F assigned for academic dishonesty), and/or suspension or expulsion from the university. It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty. For information on the various kinds of academic dishonesty, please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy, specifically Appendix 3, located at http://www.mcmaster.ca/univsec/policy/AcademicIntegrity.pdf

**Policy on Make-up exams:** Make-up exams will only be allowed in the case of extreme circumstances.

**Tentative Schedule:**

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<td>May 24-29</td>
<td>The Psychodynamic Approach: Freud and the Neo-Freudians (Funder, chapters 10-12; Funder &amp; Ozer, pp. 251-255; 286-302)</td>
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<td>Humanistic Psychology (Funder, chapters 13-14; Funder &amp; Ozer, pp. 313-335)</td>
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**Tentative Exam Schedule:**

May 15: Exam 1 (one hour) covers “Introduction to Personality”, “The Trait Approach” and assigned readings for those topics.

May 31: Exam 2 (one hour) covers “Biological Approaches to Personality”, “The Psychodynamic Approach”, and assigned readings for those topics.

June 14: The Final Exam (two hours) will be cumulative with greater emphasis on “Humanistic Psychology”, “The Cognitive/Behavioral Approach”, and assigned readings for those topics.