

**Psychology 2B03E: Personality
Spring/Summer 2009-Term 1
Course Outline**

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Dates: May 4th - June 19th, 2009
Hours : Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30-9:30
Room: PC/155

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Required Texts:

Funder, David C. (2007). *The Personality Puzzle, 4th Edition*. W.W. Norton.

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, cognitive/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 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. 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:

Date	Topic and Readings
May 5-7	Introduction to Personality (Funder, chapters 1-3)
May 12-14	The Trait Approach (Funder, chapters 4, 5, 7)
May 19-26	Biological Approach to Personality (Funder, chapters 8-9)
May 26-June 2	The Psychodynamic Approach: Freud and the Neo-Freudians (Funder, chapters 10-12)
June 4-9	Humanistic Psychology (Funder, chapter 13)
June 11-16	The Cognitive/Behavioral Approach and Disorders of Personality (Funder, chapter 15)
June 19	Final Examination

Tentative Exam Schedule:

May 19: Exam 1 (one hour) covers “Introduction to Personality”, “The Trait Approach” and assigned readings for those topics.

June 4: Exam 2 (one hour) covers “Biological Approach to Personality”, “The Psychodynamic Approach”, and assigned readings for those topics.

June 18: The Final Exam (two hours) will be cumulative with greater emphasis on “Humanistic Psychology”, “The Cognitive/Behavioral Approach”, and assigned readings for those topics.