

**McMaster University**  
**Psychology 2B03E: Personality**  
**Spring/Summer 2012-Term 1**

**Course Outline**

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**Course Dates:** April 30, 2012 - June 13, 2012  
**Lecture Hours:** Monday and Wednesday, 6:30 am-9:30 pm  
**Lecture Hall:** MDCL/1110  
**Office Hours:** By appointment only

**Required Texts:**  
Funder, David C. *The Personality Puzzle, 5<sup>th</sup> 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, behavioural and humanistic.

**Last Date for Withdrawal without Academic Penalty:** May 30, 2012

**Evaluation:** Evaluation will be based on two in-class exams and one final exam. The exams in this course will have a multiple-choice format.

Midterm I	25%
Midterm II	25%
Final Exam	50%

The final exam will be cumulative with more emphasis on the latter half of the course. Many of the questions will test the ability to integrate, compare, and contrast concepts from across the course.

**Policy on missed exams:** there are NO make-up tests for the two midterms. If you miss either midterm, you will be assigned a 0 (zero) until you provide University accepted documentation for your absence directly to your faculty. Once I have received notification from your faculty that your documentation has been accepted, your final grade will be calculated by increasing the value of the final exam to account for the missed test(s).

**Grading Scale:**

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 fraudulent means and can result in serious consequences, e.g., the grade of zero, 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 located at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity/>

**Tentative Schedule:**

<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Topic and Readings</b>
Week 1	Introduction ( <i>Funder</i> , chapters 2, and 3, pp. 66-100)
Week 2	Trait Approach ( <i>Funder</i> , chapters 4, 5, and 7, pp. 212-253)
Week 3	Biological Approach ( <i>Funder</i> , chapters 8-9)
Week 4	Psychodynamic Approach ( <i>Funder</i> , chapters 10-12)
Week 5	Psychodynamic Approach ( <i>Funder</i> , chapters 10-12)/ Humanistic Approach ( <i>Funder</i> , chapter 13)
	<b>Note:</b> May 21 <sup>st</sup> is Victoria Day and the University will be closed.
Week 6	Humanistic Approach ( <i>Funder</i> , chapter 13)
Week 7	Cognitive/Behavioral Approach ( <i>Funder</i> , chapter 15)

**Tentative Exam Schedule:**

Midterm I: May 14<sup>th</sup>, covers the Introduction to Personality and the Trait Approach and assigned readings for those topics.

Midterm II: May 30<sup>th</sup> covers the Biological and the Psychodynamic Approach and assigned readings for those topics.

Final Exam: June 13<sup>th</sup>, cumulative with more emphasis on the Humanistic and Cognitive/Behavioural approaches.