

Psychology of Personality  
Course Syllabus  
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**Required Course Materials:**

Funder, D. C. The Personality Puzzle. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Thomson Learning.

**Course Description**

A survey of the principal theories of personality with attention to the findings on which they are based. Covers the assessment of personality through self-report tests, projective tests, and systematic observations.

**Student Responsibilities**

My goal is to provide you with the best educational experience possible. However, it is up to you to take advantage of the instructional activities that are planned. Some of your responsibilities include:

- Attend all classes
- Arrive on time
- Allow sufficient time to prepare for class (at least 12 to 18 hours per week outside of class)
- Read all assignments on the schedule

**Academic Integrity**

All students are expected to uphold Villanova's Academic Integrity Policy and Code. Any incident of academic dishonesty will result in an "F" for the assignment and will be reported to the appropriate university officials, per regulations in the Graduate Studies (Liberal Arts and Sciences) Catalog. You can view the Academic Integrity Policy and Code, as well as other useful information related to writing papers, at the Academic Integrity Gateway web site: <http://library.villanova.edu/Help/AcademicIntegrity>

**Disabilities**

Students with disabilities who require reasonable academic accommodations should schedule an appointment to discuss specifics with me. It is the policy of Villanova to make reasonable academic accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. You must present verification and register with the Learning Support Office by contacting 610-519-5176 or at [learning.support.services@villanova.edu](mailto:learning.support.services@villanova.edu) or for physical access or temporary disabling conditions, please contact the Office of Disability Services at 610-519-4095 or email [Stephen.mcwilliams@villanova.edu](mailto:Stephen.mcwilliams@villanova.edu) Registration is needed in order to receive accommodations.

**Grading**

	Points
Mini Quizzes	30
Test 1	100
Test 2	100
Test 3	100

An incomplete ("N") will only be granted in emergency situations, such as severe illness. However, you must get my approval ahead of time to receive an incomplete. Do not assume an incomplete will be granted automatically if you miss an exam. Leaving a message on my voice mail does not constitute permission.

**Final Grade % of total points**

Grade	%	Grade	%
A	93+	C	73-76
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	83-86	D	63-66
B-	80-82	D-	60-62
C+	77-79	F	<59

**Mini Quizzes**

At the start of most classes a brief 2-minute quiz will be given. This quiz will address material covered during the previous class session. If you are late or absent to class you will not be allowed to make up the missed quiz. However, your two lowest quiz scores will be dropped

**Tests**

Tests will cover what is covered in lecture, the book, and any handouts (i.e., everything is fair game on a test!). Each test will have approximately 50 questions. There will be no make-up exams without a written excuse. All make-up exams must be completed the day after returning.

**Course Modification**

The schedule and procedures listed in this syllabus are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.

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Class		Book Chapter
Jan 18	Introduction to the class	1
	Clues to Personality	2
Jan 20	No Class	
Jan 23-25	Introduction to the class	1
	Clues to Personality	2
Jan 27-Feb1	Personality Assessment	5
Feb 3-8	Using Personality Traits to Understand Behavior	7
Feb 10-13	The Inheritance of Personality: Genetics and Evolutionary Theory	9
Feb 15	Test # 1	
Feb 17-24	Basics of Psychoanalysis	10
Feb 27-Mar3	The Workings of the Unconscious Mind: Defenses and Slips	11
Mar 6-10	No Class	
Mar 13-17	Psychoanalysis after Freud	12
Mar 20-24	Humanistic Psychology	13
Mar 27	Test # 2	
Mar 29- Apr7	Behaviorism and Social Learning Theories	15
Apr 10-12	Motivation Thought and Behavior	16
Apr 14-17	No Class	
Apr 19	Motivation Thought and Behavior	16
Apr 21-26	Disorders of Personality	18
Apr 28- Mar3	TBA	
Final Exam	Test #3	