

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Psychology Department

Personality (PSY U400)

Spring 2006 . . Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10:30 —11:35 am (420 Shillman)

Professor Spikes

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Conference Hours: By Appointment made one week in advance

I. COURSE OBJECTIVE

Offers a systematic study of the normal personality and its development. Focuses on behavioral, dynamic, and constitutional determinants, assessment of personality, research; surveys the major theories of personality. *Prerequisite PSY U101.*

II. COURSE SESSIONS

- * Sessions will be one hour and five minutes in length.
- * Sessions will be approximately 60% lecture and 40% application (e.g., videos, group discussions, out-of-class assignments).
- * Students should attend all sessions.
- * Students should arrive at sessions on time. **Students must not enter a class session after 10:45 am.**
- * Students may not engage in a cellular telephone conversation, or make cellular telephone calls during a class session. **Students must therefore either turn off cellular telephones, or use the vibrate function during a class session.**
- * Students must **turn off beepers, or use the vibrate function** during a class session.

III. COURSE TEXTBOOK

Allen, Bem P. (2006). *Personality Theories*, 5th Edition, Allyn and Bacon Publishing Company.
REQUIRED TEXTBOOK.

More than one-half of the chapters within the textbook will be included in the lectures throughout the quarter. Students should read all chapters of the textbook for a more inclusive understanding of the course.

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

- 1) Tests 1, 2, 3, and 4.....Each test score will constitute one-fourth of the overall course grade.

Each test will consist of a combination of multiple-choice and true/false questions.

Test #4 will be a 30-minute test.

- 2) **NO FINAL EXAM FOR THIS COURSE.**

3) The Grading-Scale will be as follows:

94 -- 100 (A)	86 -- 89 (B+)	76 --79 (C+)	66 -- 69 (D+)	59 and Below (F)
90 -- 93 (A-)	83 -- 85 (B)	73 --75 (C)	63 -- 65 (D)	
	80 -- 82 (B-)	70 --72 (C-)	60 -- 62 (D-)	

V. OTHER COURSE POLICIES:

1) MAKE-UP TESTS

Make-up Tests may be permitted (per Professor Spikes' approval) for extenuating circumstances/situations (e.g., illness). However, the student must present documentation/proof of the extenuating circumstance/situation.

The student must contact Professor Spikes [directly or via voice mail] prior to missing a scheduled test. . . regardless of the reason why he/she is missing the test. If not, then the student might not be permitted to take a make-up test even in the case of an extenuating circumstance/situation.

Make-up tests will consist of a combination of written essay/discussion questions and multiple-choice questions. As a result of the "different format," the make-up tests may appear to be more challenging. Make-up tests will consist of questions pertaining to [the relevant] information presented in both the textbook and the lectures. All make-up tests will be administered during the Scheduled Final Exam Date and Time [per the University's calendar] in 125 Nightingale Hall.

A student will be permitted only one make-up test.

- 2) Although I may not lecture on an entire chapter within your textbook. . . you might be expected to know the entire chapter for the tests. Also, you will be expected to know lecture-materials that are not contained in your textbook. This applies to all tests. . . . including make-up tests. **FYI materials will not be included on tests.**
- 3) If you do not attend a class session in which handouts, lecture-outlines, and/or assignments are distributed, **then it is your responsibility to obtain such materials from someone other than Professor Spikes.**
- 4) **YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE ANY COMPUTER OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING A TEST.** If you are observed using such devices, then you will receive a grade "F" on the test.
- 5) You cannot tape-record my lectures without my written consent. (Refer to attached Consent Form.)

6) **“CHEATING’ ON A TEST WILL EARN YOU THE FOLLOWING:**

a) **A GRADE “F” on the test**

-and-

b) **A recommendation to the Academic Judicial Committee that you be expelled from the University**

7) A student may earn a grade of Pass/Fail only if he or she has made a contractual agreement for such within the first eight weeks of the semester.

8) **PROFESSOR SPIKES WILL NOT RESPOND TO MESSAGES AND/OR REQUESTS VIA E-MAIL. Please contact her directly (237 NI), or leave messages for her at her direct extension (617-373-3094). Likewise, she will be available per appointments (see Page 1).**

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VI. COURSE SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Chapter/s</u>
Week 1 (1, 9, 11-12)	Introductions and Syllabus 1/11. . . No Class Session. . . OUT-OF-CLASS READING Defining/Studying Personality	NONE Chapter 1
Week 2 (1/18-19)	Sigmund Freud	Chapter 2
Week 3 (1/23, 25-26)	Sigmund Freud, continued Carl Jung	Chapter 3
Week 4 (1/30, 2/1-2)	Carl Jung, continued Karen Horney	Chapter 5
Week 5 (2/6, 8-9)	Karen Horney, continued PREPARATION for Test #1 (2/6) TEST #1 (2/8/05) (Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 5) <i>Review Test #1 (2/9). . . before or after lecture</i> Erik Erikson	Chapter 7
Week 6 (2/13, 15-16)	Erik Erikson, continued Erik Fromm	Chapter 8
Week 7 (2/22-23)	Carl Rogers	Chapter 9
Week 8 (2/27, 3/1-2)	Abraham Maslow PREPARATION FOR TEST #2. . . before or after lecture (3/1) TEST #2 (3/2/06) (Chapters 7, 8, 9 and 10)	Chapter 10
Week 9 (3/6, 8-9)	SPRING BREAK. . . No Class Sessions	
Week 10 (3/13, 15-16)	3/13. . . No Class Session. . . Out-of-Class Assignment <i>Review Test #2 (3/15). . . before or after lecture</i> Walter Mischel and Julian Rotter	*Chapter 12
Week 11 (3/20, 22-23)	Albert Bandura B.F. Skinner	*Chapter 13 Chapter 14
Week 12 (3/27, 29-30)	B.F. Skinner, continued PREPARATION FOR Test #3 (3/29). . . <i>BEFORE OR AFTER LECTURE</i> TEST #3 (3/30/06) (Chapters 12, 13, and 14)	

Week 13
(4/3, 5-6) *Review Test #3 (4/3) . . . before or after lecture*
Raymond Cattell and Hans Eysenck Chapter 16

Week 14
(4/10, 12-13) Gordon Allport Chapter 17
Where is Personality Theory Going? *Chapter 18
“Course Finale”
PREPARATION FOR TEST #4 (4/13) before or after lecture

Week 15
(4/19) **TEST #4 (4/19/06) (CHAPTERS 16, 17, AND 18)**

**In the event of an emergency or school closing . . . TEST #4
will be given on the “Scheduled Final Exam Date and Time
Per the University’s Calendar.**

***Minimal or no lecture on this topic. . . but it will be included on a test.**

**I am Looking Forward to Us Having A
Fun and Productive Quarter!!**