

**PSY U400 Personality  
Fall 2007  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:35 – 2:40pm  
458 Richards**

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**Course Description and Objectives:**

This course is a brief survey of a few general paradigms in the field of personality psychology. It is intended to introduce students to five historically major theories of human thought, emotion, and behavior. We will discuss trait models, anatomy and physiology, psychoanalytic approaches, humanistic and existential theory, and behaviorism. Using these approaches, students will begin to form integrated understandings of the reasons why humans think, feel, and behave as we do. The prerequisite for this course is PSYU 101.

**Course Sessions:**

Classes will be one hour and five minutes in length. Students should attend all classes, and students may be asked to sign attendance sheets to confirm their presence during lectures.

In order to minimize disruptions to the learning process, the instructor asks that students not engage in conversations on cellular telephones in the classroom. Please either turn off your phones and beepers, or use silent/vibrate functions. If it becomes necessary for you to use your communication devices during class time, please temporarily excuse yourself from class to use them.

**Course Textbook:**

Funder, D.C. (2007). *The personality puzzle (4/e)*. New York: Norton.

**Course Requirements:**

Exam 1	15%	(chapters 1 – 7)
Exam 2	15%	(ch. 8, 9)
Problem Set 1	10%	(ch. 10 - 12)
Problem Set 2	10%	(ch. 13)
Problem Set 3	10%	(ch. 14)
Problem Set 4	10%	(ch. 15)
Final Exam	30%	(ch. 10 – 15, 18, 19)

*Exams 1 and 2 will be administered as noted on the Class Schedule below.*

*Problem Sets will be discussed in class and posted on the NEU Blackboard electronic media system.*

*The Final Exam will be given in accordance with the NEU Final Exam Schedule.*

**Grading:** The grading scale will be as follows:

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

**Other Course Policies:**

**1. Make-up quizzes**

A student will be given a make-up quiz only if s/he has an illness or emergency situation that results in him/her not being able to make the exam as scheduled. *The student must present documentation as proof of the illness or emergency.*

**2. Assessment material**

Exam material will consist of information from textbook chapters as they are listed in this syllabus, even if such material is not covered during lectures. Exam material will also consist of lecture material, even when such material is not covered in the textbook.

**3. Lecture notes and handouts**

If a student is unable to attend a class session, it is the student's responsibility to obtain session lecture notes, handouts, and/or assignments from someone other than Professor Mascher. Most lecture notes and handouts for this course will be available electronically at Northeastern University's Blackboard Academic Suite™ (<http://blackboard.neu.edu>), but it is the student's responsibility to ensure that s/he recovers all information from the missed class session.

**4. Electronic devices during exams**

Use of computer or electronic devices is not permitted during exams. If you are observed using such devices, you will receive a grade of "F" on the exam.

**5. Cheating on exams**

Cheating will earn you a grade of "F" on the exam, as well as a recommendation to the Academic Judicial Committee that you be expelled from the University.

**6. Tape recording lectures**

You may not audio- or videotape lectures without the instructor's consent.

**Class Schedule: Fall 2007**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Text Chapter</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Due</b>
Sep. 5, Wed.	Ch. 1	Course overview	
Sep. 6, Thu.	Ch. 2	Sources of Data	
Sep. 10, Mon.	Ch. 3	Research Methods	
Sep. 12, Wed.	Ch. 4	Traits and Behavior	
Sep. 13, Thu.	Ch. 5	Trait Assessment I	
Sep. 17, Mon.	Ch. 6	Trait Assessment II	
Sep. 19, Wed.	Ch. 7	Traits and Behavior	
<b>Sep. 20, Thu.</b>	<b>Exam #1</b>		
Sep. 24, Mon.	Ch. 8	Anatomy and Physiology	
Sep. 26, Wed.	Ch. 8	Anatomy and Physiology	
Sep. 27, Thu.	Ch. 8 – 9	Inheritance	
Oct. 1, Mon.	Ch. 9	Genetics and Evolution	
Oct. 3, Wed.	Ch. 9	Genetics and Evolution	
<b>Oct. 4, Thu.</b>	<b>Exam #2</b>		
Oct. 8, Mon.	NEU OBSERVES COLUMBUS DAY – NO CLASSES		
Oct. 10, Wed.	Ch. 10	Introduction to Psychoanalysis	
Oct. 11, Thu.	Ch. 10	Introduction to Psychoanalysis	
Oct. 15, Mon.	Ch. 11	Defenses and Slips	
Oct. 17, Wed.	Ch. 11	Defenses and Slips	
Oct. 18, Thu.	Ch. 11	Defenses and Slips	
Oct. 22, Mon.	Ch. 12	Analysis After Freud	
Oct. 24, Wed.	Ch. 12	Analysis After Freud	
Oct. 25, Thu.	Ch. 12	Analysis After Freud	
<b>Oct. 29, Mon.</b>	Ch. 13	Humanistic Approaches	<b>Problem Set #1</b>
Oct. 30, Wed.	Ch. 13	Humanistic Approaches	
Nov. 1, Thu.	Ch. 13	Humanistic Approaches	
Nov. 5, Mon.	Ch. 14	Cultural Variations	
Nov. 7, Wed.	Ch. 14	Cultural Variations	
<b>Nov. 8, Thu.</b>	Ch. 14	Cultural Variations	<b>Problem Set #2</b>
Nov. 12, Mon.	NEU OBSERVES VETERANS' DAY – NO CLASSES		

Nov. 14, Wed.	Ch. 15	Behaviorism	
Nov. 15, Thu.	Ch. 15	Behaviorism	
<b>Nov. 19, Mon.</b>	Ch. 15	Behaviorism	<b>Problem Set #3</b>
Nov. 21, Wed.	NEU OBSERVES THANKSGIVING – NO CLASSES		
Nov. 22, Thu.	NEU OBSERVES THANKSGIVING – NO CLASSES		
Nov. 26, Mon.	Ch. 18	Personality Disorders	
Nov. 28, Wed.	Ch. 18	Personality Disorders	
Nov. 29, Thu.	Ch. 18	Personality Disorders	
<b>Dec. 3, Mon.</b>	Ch. 19	Conclusions	<b>Problem Set #4</b>
Dec. 5, Wed.	Ch. 19	Conclusions	
Dec. 6, Thu.	READING DAY – NO CLASSES		
<b>Dec. 7 - 14</b>	<b>FINAL EXAM, TBD by University Final Exam Schedule</b>		