

Course Syllabus

Psyc231:Personality Psychology

Winter term 2014

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Course Goals and Objectives

This course is intended to introduce students to both the foundations (theory) and findings (research) of personality psychology. This course is evidence-based, focusing on what psychologists have discovered about human personality. The course will provide a broad overview of

"freedom of inquiry and exchange of ideas" essential to the intellectual life of the University (see the

Course Outline

	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Reading</i>
January 6 (week 1)	Course Introduction	Chapter 1
January 13 (week 2)	Personality Traits	Chapters 2, 3
January 20 (week 3)	Personality Assessment	Chapter 4
January 27 (week 4)	Self and Identity	Chapter 5
February 3 (week 5)	Genetics and Evolutionary Theory	Chapter 6
February 10 (week 6)	Midterm Monday (NO CLASS WEDNESDAY)	Assigned Readings on Moodle
February 17 (week 7)	Reading Week	
February 24 (week 8)	Neuroscience of Personality	Chapter 7
March 3 (week 9)	Psychoanalytic Perspectives	Chapter 8
March 10 (week 10)	Regulation and Motivation	Chapter 9
March 17 (week 11)	Cognitive Foundations	Chapter 10
March 24 (week 12)	Gender and Personality	Chapter 11
March 31 (week 13)	Part I: Sexual Orientation Part II: Resilience	Chapters 12, 13