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Course	PERSONALITY THEORIES COUN 0674
Date and Time	JANUARY 11 – APRIL 5, 2021 MONDAYS 11:15 AM – 2:05 PM
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Class Information	The classes will be livestreamed on Mondays from 11:15-2:05. Pre-recorded summaries of the lecture will be posted at the end of each lecture on Moodle (please note that the integration components of each lecture will not be included on the pre-recorded versions of the lectures) Students may participate in live-streamed office hours as posted below/on the course page. Office Hours: Mondays 2:15-3:15 PM or at a separate time by appointment.
Course Material	Access course material at classes.tyndale.ca or other services at Tyndale One . Course emails will be sent to your @MyTyndale.ca e-mail account only. Learn how to access and forward emails to your personal account.

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Overview of major personality theories with regard to their development, philosophical assumptions, theoretical concepts and their clinical implications in work with individuals, couples and families. Students are encouraged to develop a reflective and critically interactive perspective to facilitate their therapeutic work.

Prerequisite: COUN majors only or by permission of instructor.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Identify, describe, and apply the major theories of personality, including Psychoanalytic, Psychosocial, Trait, Humanistic, Cognitive, Behavioral, and Social Learning approaches
- Examine the philosophical assumptions, historical and cultural factors that underlie the development of each personality theory
- Analyze, compare, and utilize the major personality theories to assess case studies of personality disorders
- Develop a deeper self-understanding of their own personality and personality development
- Integrate personality theories with the Christian faith
- Apply personality theories to clinical and ministry contexts

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED READING

Carver, C.S. & Scheier, M. F. (2017). *Perspectives on personality (8th ed.)*. Boston, MA: Pearson.

B. SUPPLEMENTARY / RECOMMENDED READING AND TOOLS

Ashcraft, D. (2015). *Personality theories workbook, 6th ed.* Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Thompson.
(5th Edition AVAILABLE ON RESERVE AT THE LIBRARY)

Tyndale recommends www.stepbible.org – a free and reputable online resource developed by Tyndale House (Cambridge, England) – for word searches of original-language texts, as well as for topical searches, interlinear texts, dictionaries, etc. Refer to the library for other [online resources for Biblical Studies](#).

C. INTERACTIVE LIVESTREAM AND/OR HYBRID COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Livestream attendance at announced times
- Headphones (preferred), built-in microphone, and web-camera
- Well-lit and quiet room
- Stable high-speed internet connection, preferably using an Ethernet cable over Wi-Fi

D. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

1. Livestream Class Participation: 15% of final grade (3 forums at 5% each)

Individual Posts & Responses:

There will be 3 forums in total and each forum will have two questions. Students will be assigned to small groups and will post their responses by 11:55 PM each day (Monday), and comment on the posts of other students in their group by the next day (Tuesday) at 11:55pm. Your post for each question should be about 20-25 lines (200-250 words per question; can exceed by 10%, but marks deducted thereafter). Each post should be concise, addressing the issues in the questions with reference to class readings/lectures, and demonstrate critical thinking (e.g. further questions or issues raised, application to your context). Your comments to fellow students would be briefer, with an affirmation (perhaps from your experience or readings) and one thoughtful question for further reflection. You are not required to respond to a “late post” of any member. Further instructions will be given in class.

Penalty for late work:

If there is “no post” after 11:55 pm for that day, the student will receive a “zero” for that forum. If there are specific reasons for late posts (as stated in “Late Papers and Extension Policy,” Seminary Academic Calendar), the student is to email the instructor directly.

FORUM DISCUSSION GRADING RUBRIC

	A	B	C	D
Completeness of post	Addresses all parts of question; meets and did not exceed limit; comprehensive response	Addresses all parts of question; respectable length & did not exceed limit; somewhat comprehensive	Addresses some parts of question; shorter length; incomplete post	Rarely addresses question; far too short or far too long; incomplete post
Clarity of post	Clear and concise posts; grammatically correct with rare misspellings	Clear, but can be more concise; a few grammatical or spelling errors	Somewhat clear, but with significant number of errors in spelling and grammar	Unclear, poor spelling and grammar in most posts

Critical engagement with class material (lectures, readings)	Thoughtful; opinions and ideas are substantiated with class material and additional resources; active reflection & questioning; obvious integration with one's ministry context	Thoughtful; opinions and ideas are occasionally substantiated with class material; some reflection & questioning; some integration with one's ministry context	Less thoughtful; opinions and ideas are sometimes substantiated with class material; insufficient reflection & questioning; less integration with one's ministry context	Opinions and ideas are not substantiated with class material; no reflection & questioning; no integration with one's ministry context
Promptness & quality of responses	Posting on time; responds to all group members' postings in timely manner; thoughtful responses	Posting on time; responds to most postings in timely manner; somewhat thoughtful responses	Posting mostly on time; responds to postings 2-3 days after initial discussion; less thoughtful responses	Late posting; rarely responds to group members' postings; responses not thoughtful

2. Midterm Examination – 30% of final grade

Students will be given a midterm examination covering material from lectures and textbook. The test will be in various formats, including short answer and essay type questions, to assess the student's ability to define, describe, compare, contrast, and apply the different personality theories and concepts. The exam will be 30% of final grade.

3. Personality Disorder Research Paper & Presentation – 35% of final grade

Students will select a Personality Disorder as found in the DSM-V and write a 10-12 page paper that integrates lecture and textbook materials with current research on the symptoms, etiology, development, and treatment for counseling. Paper is worth 30% of final grade.

A three page summary of your research will be presented to the class in a conference style setting (during one of the three final weeks of the semester). More details of the paper and the presentation will be given in class. Presentation is worth 5% of final grade.

4. Personality and the Counselor – 20% of final grade

This assignment is a 6-8 page paper (typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, APA style). Each student will write a paper about his/her own personality and personality development, using the various theories discussed in class. **This assignment can be counted toward your SEUS hours.** In this paper, the following areas are to be addressed:

- a. Beginning with the Trait-Dispositional perspective of personality (Temperament, 16PF, Five Factor), identify and describe your **significant** personality traits, including any **Personality Signatures** (5 points out of 20 points).

- b. Drawing upon the various theories of personality (as covered in the text and lectures; **please ensure that at least 2 are from the theories covered AFTER midterm exam**), you will provide a critical analysis of how you understand these to integrate and apply to your own personality development (specific concepts, constructs, and principles from these theories must be critically applied to your own personality). Include tangible examples of how your personality is evidenced in your patterns of thinking, feeling, behaving, relating. Include a reflection on how your Christian faith and identity also integrates with your personality and spiritual formation (10 points out of 20).
- c. Discuss how your personality will influence and shape your role as a counselor. Include any strengths, limitations, biases, challenges, potential issues of countertransference that may be experienced in the counseling relationship (5 points out of 20).

E. EQUITY OF ACCESS

Students with permanent or temporary disabilities who need academic accommodations must [contact](#) the [Accessibility Services](#) at the [Centre for Academic Excellence](#) to [register](#) and discuss their specific needs. *New students* must self-identify and register with the Accessibility Office at the beginning of the semester or as early as possible to access appropriate services. *Current students* must renew their plans as early as possible to have active accommodations in place.

F. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Evaluation is based upon the completion of the following assignments:

Forums	15 %
Midterm Examination	30 %
Personality Disorders Paper and Presentation	35 %
Personality and the Counsellor Paper	20 %
Total Grade	100 %

G. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

1. Your work should demonstrate the following characteristics:
 - Reports of psychological research should follow the rules set forth in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th ed.* (2019).
 - All parts of the report are typed double-spaced, and without justifying the right hand margin. Use a 12 point font (“Times New Roman” or “Courier” is preferred).
 - The [APA Style Guide](#) is a helpful web site for all questions regarding APA style.

For non-psychology/counselling students, Chicago style may be used.

For proper citation style, consult the [Chicago-Style Quick Guide](#) (Tyndale e-resource) or the full edition of the [Chicago Manual of Style Online](#), especially [ch. 14](#). For citing scripture texts, refer to sections [10.44 to 10.48](#) and [14.238 to 14.241](#).

Academic Integrity

Integrity in academic work is required of all our students. Academic dishonesty is any breach of this integrity, and includes such practices as cheating (the use of unauthorized material on tests and examinations), submitting the same work for different classes without permission of the instructors; using false information (including false references to secondary sources) in an assignment; improper or unacknowledged collaboration with other students, and plagiarism. Tyndale University takes seriously its responsibility to uphold academic integrity, and to penalize academic dishonesty.

Students are encouraged to consult [Writing Services](#). Citation and other [tip sheets](#).

Students should also consult the current [Academic Calendar](#) for academic policies on Academic Honesty, Gender Inclusive Language in Written Assignments, Late Papers and Extensions, Return of Assignments, and Grading System.

Research Ethics

All course-based assignments involving human participants requires ethical review and may require approval by the [Tyndale Research Ethics Board \(REB\)](#). Check with the Seminary Dean's Office (aa@tyndale.ca) before proceeding.

H. COURSE EVALUATION

Tyndale Seminary values quality in the courses it offers its students. End-of-course evaluations provide valuable student feedback and are one of the ways that Tyndale Seminary works towards maintaining and improving the quality of courses and the student's learning experience. Student involvement in this process is critical to enhance the general quality of teaching and learning.

Before the end of the course, students will receive a MyTyndale email with a link to the online course evaluation. The link can also be found in the left column on the course page. The evaluation period is 2 weeks; after the evaluation period has ended, it cannot be reopened.

Course Evaluation results will not be disclosed to the instructor before final grades in the course have been submitted and processed. Student names will be kept confidential and the instructor will only see the aggregated results of the class.

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT AND REQUIRED READINGS

WEEK	DATE	CHP.	PERSONALITY THEORY	ASSIGNMENTS	
1	Jan 11	1-3	INTRO TO PERSONALITY THEORIES Psychological foundations of personality Theological framework of personality		
2	Jan 18	4	TRAIT PERSPECTIVE Types & Trait Theories Interactionism and Personality	Forum 1 Due (11:55 pm)	
3	Jan 25	6	GENETIC PERSPECTIVES Temperament Cortical Arousal Theory		
4	Feb 1	7	BIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES Gray's Reinforcement Theory Environmental Influences on Biology	Forum 2 Due (11:55 pm)	
5	Feb 8	5	MOTIVE/NEEDS PERSPECTIVE Horney Theory Murray's Theory	Forum 3 Due (11:55 pm)	
6	Feb 15	READING WEEK – NO CLASS			
7	Feb 22	8	PSYCHODYNAMIC PERSPECTIVE Freud's Psychoanalytic Theory Defense Mechanisms		
8	Mar 1	MIDTERM EXAM IN CLASS			MIDTERM EXAM Chps 1, 4-8; Lecture Material
9	Mar 8	9	PSYCHOSOCIAL PERSPECTIVES Attachment Theory Erikson's Lifespan Theory		
10	Mar 15	10	LEARNING PERSPECTIVE		

			Behavioral Theories	
11	Mar 22	12-13	COGNITIVE PERSPECTIVES Contemporary Cognitive Perspectives	PERSONALITY DISORDERS PAPERS DUE Presentations
12	Mar 29	11	PHENOMENOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE Carl Roger's Self Theory	Presentations
13	Apr 5	14	NARRATIVE & SPIRITUAL IDENTITY Life Stories and Personality	FINAL PAPER DUE Presentations

V. SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

([Tyndale Library](#) supports this course with [e-journals, e-books](#), and the [mail delivery of books](#) and circulating materials. See the [Library FAQ page](#).)

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