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Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.

COURSE SYLLABUS

PSYC 341

PSYCHOLOGY OF PERSONALITY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The major historical and contemporary theories of the origin and development of personality are explored, emphasizing the role of the dynamics of personality.

RATIONALE

This course is a systematic investigation of the development and manifestations of the human personality. This investigation is facilitated by a thorough study of the major theories and theorists in the field.

I. PREREQUISITES

PSYC 101 and/or PSYC 210

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES

Click the following link to view the required resources for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Microsoft Office
(Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to LU students.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Evaluate underlying assumptions and perspectives regarding the field of personality psychology.
- B. Identify twenty personality theorists and his/her contributions to psychology of personality.
- C. Integrate biblical knowledge with the psychology of personality in everyday life.
- D. Explain personality differences and similarities and how personality affects every area of life.

- E. Implement the skills of gathering information from an online library including: computerized information sources, bibliographic systems, computerized literacy skill in word processing in APA format, conducting electronic searches for scholarly research and journal articles.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations/notes

- B. Group Discussion Board forums (6)

Students will complete six group forums where they will post findings on the selected topics and, as appropriate, add their opinion. Forums are completed in two parts: a thread, at least 300 words in length, and two replies, at least 100 words each. APA is to be used for citations within Blackboard. The thread for each forum will be due Friday and the two replies will be due Monday of the module/week assigned.

- C. Introductions Assignmnet

During the first week of the course, students will introduce themselves to the rest of the class and also to their assigned groups. Students should include information about family, location, career, and what they plan to do with a degree in Psychology.

- D. Myers-Briggs Interactive Assignment

For this assignment, students will take the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator assessment at the website provided. Then, after reviewing the results, students will compose a 2-page reflection including the four-letter personality type suggested to them by the assessment. The Myers-Briggs Interactive Assignment is due Module/Week 1.

- E. Journal Summaries

Students will complete two Journal Summaries. Each summary will be a review of three scholarly journal articles and be at least 3 pages in length. Summaries will include a title page, abstract, and reference page. Students will submit the 3 articles in PDF documents and the Journal Summary on Blackboard using the assignment link provided. The articles can be found using Liberty's Online Library. The two Journal Summaries are due in Modules/Weeks 3 and 5.

- F. Research Paper

Students will compose an 8-page Research Paper on an approved theory and theorist from the text using at least 10 scholarly references. The paper will follow APA format and in-text citations are expected. A title page, abstract, and reference page will also be required to complete the paper successfully. The Research Paper is due Module/Week 7.

G. Exams (4)

Each exam will cover material found in the text and lectures from the course. Students may use their notes and textbook to complete the 50 multiple choice questions for each assessment. The exams are timed at two hours each.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

Group Discussion Board forums (6 at 40 ea)	240
Introductions Assignment	40
Myers-Briggs Interactive Assignment	40
Research Paper Topic	10
Journal Summaries (2 at 90 ea)	180
Research Paper	170
Exams (4 at 80 ea)	320
Total	1000

B. Scale

A = 900–1000 B = 800–899 C = 700–799 D = 600–699 F = 0–599

C. Policy on Assigned Work

As a rule, late work will not be accepted. Accommodations can be made on a case by case basis. It is imperative that students are thorough and proactive communicating to the instructor.

Extra credit will not be available in this course.

The instructor will answer most email in 24–48 hours. Instructors will offer feedback on written assignments and some Discussion Board posts.

D. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact LU Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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Textbook: Feist & Feist, *Theories of Personality*, (2009).

WEEK/ MODULE	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Feist: chs. 1 & 2 1 website 3 presentations	Course Requirements Checklist Introductions Assignment Myers- Briggs Interactive Assignment Research Paper Topic	0 40 40 10
2	Feist: chs. 3 & 4 3 presentations	Group Discussion Board Forum 1 Exam 1	40 80
3	Feist: chs. 5–7 4 presentations	Group Discussion Board Forum 2 Journal Summary 1	40 90
4	Feist: chs. 8 & 9 3 presentations	Group Discussion Board Forum 3 Exam 2	40 80
5	Feist: chs. 10–12 4 presentations	Group Discussion Board Forum 4 Journal Summary 2	40 90
6	Feist: chs. 13 & 14 3 presentations	Group Discussion Board Forum 5 Exam 3	40 80
7	Feist: chs. 15 & 16 3 presentations	Group Discussion Board Forum 6 Research Paper	40 170
8	Feist: chs. 17 & 18 3 presentations	Exam 4	80
TOTAL			1000

NOTE: Each course week (except week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.