

# *Psychology 567: Summer 2018*

## *Graduate Course in Personality*

**Summer 2018: May 14 to June 21**

*Two meetings of 3 hours per week*

***FOCUS: Personality Constructs: Theory and Measurement***

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### ***Description***

This course covers the most well-researched dimensions of personality and the major structural models addressing the inter-relations among these dimensions. We will critically examine the major instruments for measuring these constructs. In all cases, person-situation interactions are acknowledged.

### ***Topical Outline***

First few classes:

- My lectures:      1. Review of methodology  
2. Major structural models   3. Response biases

Later classes:

Topics presented by class members (2 each). Possibilities are listed on the attached topic list. After the first class, please rank order three that you would be willing to present.

## ***Readings***

I have an appropriate set of readings for each topic. You can also suggest readings for your presentation.

## ***Format***

Although everyone does the readings, one individual is in charge of the topic. Being in charge means presenting a 15-min powerpoint overview including an introduction to the readings. You will also do a 2-3 page write-up of one of the topics. It should incorporate your presentation along the class discussion. The write-up does not have to exactly duplicate your presentation but should have an over-view of the current status of your topic.

## ***Evaluation***

Tentative: Class Presentations (35%), Class Participation (35%), Updated summary of your topics (30%)

## **Assignment 1**

Fill out the Big Five Inventory before you come to the first class.  
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## Potential Course Topics

### Specific Dimensions

Big Five traits	agency & communion	narcissism
Aggression	emotional intelligence	authoritarianism
Dark Triad/Tetrad	personality & intelligence	Social desirability
Faking	Big One to Big Seven	shyness
Behavior genetics	Profiling	Hardiness/resiliency
Identity	BIS-BAS	lens model

self-monitoring	Machiavellianism	sensation-seeking
Temperament	moral development	type A personality
cognitive complexity	repressive style	coping scales
defense mechanisms	self-esteem	optimism/pessimism
achievement motivation	Machiavellianism	honesty tests
sadistic personality	field dependence	psychopathy

### Personality Batteries

### Other topics

NEO-PI	IPIP	HEXACO model
Cattell's 16 PF	Acquiescence	zero acquaintance
MMPI	good judge	moderator/mediator
Personality Research Form	malingering	social relations model
California Personality Inventory	CAPS model	behavior genetics
Myers-Briggs	over-claiming	values
Eysenck Personality Inventory	other validity scales	acculturation
taxometric methods	IRT	

**Other topics could be added with my approval**