

**PSYCHOLOGY 5321: PERSONALITY  
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**Textbook:** *Handbook of Personality: Theory and Research (Second Edition)*, edited by Lawrence Pervin and Oliver John

**Course Description and Objectives:** This is a graduate-level course on the psychology of personality. It covers a broad range of topics in the study of human personality and addresses epistemological issues, meta-theoretical issues, methodological issues, theoretical/content issues, and clinical/applied issues. The goal of the course is to provide a broad and reasonably up-to-date survey of contemporary work in personality psychology. As a graduate-level course, it is not open to undergraduates who wish to take it for course credit.

**Exams and Grading:** As indicated below, there will be two in-class exams: a midterm exam on March 5 and a final exam on May 5. The midterm exam will cover Chapters 1-14; the final exam will cover chapters 15-28. Your course grade will be determined entirely by the total points you earn on these two exams.

**Course Outline:**

Jan	14	Chapter 1	Winter and Barenbaum
	16	Chapter 2	Buss
	<b>21</b>	<b>MLK, Jr. Day</b>	
	23	Chapter 3	Westen and Gabbard
	28	Chapter 4	John and Srivastava
	30	Chapter 5	McCrae and Costa
Feb	4	Chapter 6	Bandura
	6	Chapter 7	Mischel and Shoda
	11	Chapter 8	Magnusson
	13	Chapter 9	Plomin and Caspi
	18	Chapter 10	Pickering and Gray
	20	Chapter 11	Caspi and Roberts
	25	Chapter 12	Lewis
	27	Chapter 13	Widiger, Verheul, and van der Brink
Mar	3	Chapter 14	Baumeister
	<b>5</b>	<b>Midterm exam</b>	<b>Chapters 1-14, short answer format</b>
	10	Chapter 15	Cross and Markus
	12	Chapter 16	Clark and Watson
	<b>17-23</b>	<b>Spring break</b>	
	24	Chapter 17	Kihlstrom
	26	Chapter 18	Robins, Norem, and Cheek
	31	Chapter 19	McAdams
Apr	2	Chapter 20	Little
	7	Chapter 21	Gross
Apr	9	Chapter 22	Carver and Scheier

	14	Chapter 23	Contrada, Cather, O'Leary
	16	Chapter 24	Weiner and Graham
	21	Chapter 25	Simonton
	23	Chapter 26	Wiggins and Trobst
	28	Chapter 27	Ozer
	30	Chapter 28	Pervin
<b>May</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Final exam</b>	<b>Chapters 15-28, short answer format</b>

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