

PSY 174: INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
Fall Semester 2011

Time: Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays 11:10-12:00pm

Location: Chemistry Bldg Rm. G-08

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Required Text: Trull, Timothy J. (2005). *Clinical psychology 7th edition*. Belmont, CA: Thomson-Wadsworth. You can purchase chapters of this book online at www.ichapters.com for \$6.49 per chapter. You must put in the ISBN number, which is 978-0-534-63387-5.

Course Description: This course is designed to provide students with a broad overview of the field of clinical psychology. We discuss the nature of clinical psychology, job opportunities for clinical psychologists, undergraduate/graduate educational requirements, post-doctoral training, licensure, and continuing educational development. Throughout the semester, we will focus on the history and development of clinical psychology, clinical assessment, which includes the clinical interview and psychological testing, clinical interventions, theories of psychotherapy and evidence-based practice, health psychology, professional issues in clinical psychology, and the academic requirements necessary for graduate school admittance. Emphasis will be placed on special topics related to working with culturally diverse groups. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to distinguish clinical psychology from related professions, make informed decisions regarding career goals and aspirations, know how to prepare for a career in clinical psychology, understand the history, function, purpose and noted shortcomings of psychological test measures, be familiar with various psychological/theoretical models employed by psychologists in the field, and have some understanding of the role of research and research efficacy in the field of clinical psychology.

Attendance and Expectations: Attendance is expected and necessary for overall success in this course. Students are responsible for all information covered in class and assigned on the syllabus. Reading assignments should be completed prior to class. There are three examinations in this class. The exams cover information provided in class and the weekly reading assignments. Every student is expected to take the examinations on the date due. There will not be any make-up examinations given to students who miss the exam, **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** If you are unable to take an exam on the scheduled date, you must have a legitimate excuse (e.g., serious illness, death in the family) and provide

documentation (e.g., doctor's note, University notification). I will not give you a make-up examination until I receive the appropriate documentation.

Requirements and Grading:

Examination 1:	30%
Examination 2:	30%
Examination 3:	30%
Class Participation:	10%

Grading and Evaluation: Final grades will be based on a grading system no more stringent than the following:

A	\geq 90%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	\leq 59%

Academic Integrity:

Please maintain your academic integrity at all times. There is an absolute zero tolerance policy for cheating in this class. Anyone caught cheating will receive an "F" in the course and is subject to additional consequences as outlined in the University Student Handbook. You must turn off all electronic devices while in my class. I do not want to see or hear any cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, or any other personal communication devices. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Additional changes to the syllabus may occur throughout the course of the semester and students will be notified accordingly.

Date	Topic	Assignment
Week 1: Aug. 22, 24, & 26	Overview of Course and Syllabus/Introduction to Clinical Psychology	Chapter 1
Week 2: Aug. 29, 31, & Sept. 2	Historical Overview	Chapter 2
Week 3: Sept. 7 & 9	Research Methods in Clinical Psychology	Chapter 4
Week 4: Sept. 12, 14, & 16	Diagnosis and Classification of Psychological Problems	Chapter 5 Study Guide Distributed on 9/16
Week 5: Sept. 19 & 21	The Assessment Interview	Chapter 6 9/21: Exam #1 Class suspended on 9/23 for convocation
Week 6: Sept. 26, 28, & 30	The Assessment of Intelligence	Chapter 7
Week 7: Oct. 3, 5, & 7	The Assessment of Intelligence	Chapter 7
Week 8: Oct. 12 & 14	Personality Assessment Behavioral Assessment	Chapters 7 & 8 Columbus Day! No class on 10/10
Week 9: Oct. 17, 19, & 21	Personality & Behavioral Assessment Continued	Chapter 10
Week 10: Oct. 24, 26, & 28	Psychological Interventions: Psychodynamic Perspective	Chapters 11 & 12 Study Guide Distributed on 10/28
Week 11: Oct. 31, Nov. 2, & 4	Psychological Interventions: Cognitive Behavioral Perspective	Chapter 14 11/04: Exam #2

Week 12: Nov. 7, & 9	Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine & Neuropsychology	Chapter 17 & 18 Veterans Day! No Class on 11/11
Week 13: Nov. 14, 16 & 18	Current Issues in Clinical Psychology Group Therapy, Family Therapy, and Couples Therapy	Chapters 3 & 15
Week 14: Nov. 21	What to Expect in Graduate School: Guest Speaker: <i>TBA</i>	Happy Thanksgiving
Week 15: Nov. 28 & 30	Group Therapy, Family Therapy, and Couples Therapy Cont'd	Chapter 15 Distribute Study Guide 11/30
TBA	FINAL EXAMINATION	