

South Plains College: General Course Syllabus PSYC 2316

Department: Behavioral Sciences

Discipline: Psychology

Course Number: PSYC 2316

Course Title: Psychology of Personality

Credit: 3 Lecture, 0 Lab

Satisfies a core curriculum requirement? Yes, Behavioral or Social Science

Prerequisites: TSI compliance in Reading

Available Formats: Conventional, INET

Campus: Lubbock Downtown Center

Course Specific Instructions: Each instructor will attach his/her course specific instructions.

Course Description: Study of various approaches to determinants, development, and assessment of personality.

Course Purpose: To acquaint students with significant figures and theories in the area of personality. Students will become familiar with the types of assessments used in psychology to evaluate personality and the proper interpretation and use of the results. Students will evaluate case studies as they apply to personality.

Course Requirements: To maximize the potential to complete this course, a student should attend all class meetings (for Internet students, log-on to Blackboard frequently), complete all assignments and examinations in a timely manner, and complete all other projects or papers as assigned on the course specific instructions.

Student Learning Outcomes: Students who have completed this course will be expected to:

1. Identify and understand the major theories of personality
2. Be able to describe the various issues of personality and how personality is studied and assessed.
3. Define personality and discuss applications of the various personality theories.

Course Evaluation: See the instructor's course information sheet for specific items used in evaluating student performance.

Attendance Policy: Instructors will create an attendance policy that is consistent with the "Class Attendance" policies stated below in the SPC General Catalog:

Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in

reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have "Never Attended" by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of "X" or "F" as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of that policy.

It is the student's responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

Additional attendance information might be included in the specific instructor's part of the syllabus.

Academic Integrity: The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension. This policy relates to all forms of cheating and plagiarism. You are expected to do your own work. You may not work with another person to complete your discussions, exams, or any other assignment given as work for the course. You may not copy another student's work and present it as your own. You may not allow another student to copy your work. This is your reminder that any form of cheating will not be tolerated. "Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of course work. This applies to quizzes, class exams, final examinations, and daily reports and term papers." - SPC General Catalog, p. 22. If the instructor determines that cheating is occurring or an assignment has been plagiarized the resulting grade will be zero for that assignment. A second offense will result in failure of the course.

Plagiarism and Cheating: Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, examinations, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy will result in an F for the assignment and can result in an F for the course if circumstances warrant, such as committing a second offense during the semester.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill;
2. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
3. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
4. Missing in-text citations.

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another;

6. Altering grade records;
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

Student Code of Conduct Policy: Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

Appeal Process: The process of appeal is outlined in the college catalog. Basically you would need to talk to the instructor, the department chair, and then the dean if the problem is not resolved. Be sure to always start with your instructor.

Diversity Statement: In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group difference and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

Disabilities Statement: Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Lubbock Centers (located at the Lubbock Downtown Center) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

Non-Discrimination Statement: South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement: If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Health and Wellness Center. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Health and Wellness Center at 806-716-2529 or email dburleson@southplainscollege.edu for assistance.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement: Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted

locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>
 Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

Note: The instructor reserves the right to modify the course syllabus and policies, as well as notify students of any changes, at any point during the semester.

Psychology of Personality – Course Information

Instructor’s Course Information: Serena Mangano, PhD

Course Information: PSYC 2361 – 601, Fall 2022

Modality: In person

Class time: Monday and Wednesday, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Class location: Lubbock Downtown Center, Room 2010

Office Hours:

- Monday: 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm and 3:45 pm – 7:00 pm
- Wednesday: 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm and 3:45 pm – 5:30 pm
- Friday: 11:15 am – 1:15 pm

Office Location: Lubbock Downtown Center, Room 2004

Email Address: smangano@southplainscollege.edu

Phone: (806)716-4668

Course Website: Blackboard (<https://southplainscollege.blackboard.com/>)

Grading Policy and Method of Evaluation: It is possible to earn up to 500 points in this course, as follows:

	Points	%
Syllabus and Blackboard Contract	2	0.40%
Syllabus and Blackboard Exam	3	0.60%
Weekly Assignments	225	45.00%
Exams	225	45.00%
Case Studies	45	9.00%
Total	500	100.00%

Final Grades will be determined by calculating the total amount of points earned by you this semester. These points are percentages of the scores in the previous chart.

- A = 90% of 500, meaning you earn between 450 and 500 points
- B = 80% of 500, meaning you earn between 400 and 449 points
- C = 70% of 500, meaning you earn between 350 and 399 points
- D = 60% of 500, meaning you earn between 300 and 349 points
- F = less than 60% of 500, meaning you earn between 0 and 299 points

Syllabus and Blackboard Contract, and Syllabus and Blackboard Exam: They are worth 2 and 3 points, respectively, and meant to enforce your careful reading and knowledge of the syllabus and Blackboard.

Weekly Assignments: They are worth 225 points. There is one prompt for each chapter covered in the course. Each of you will respond to the prompt to earn up to 15 points. You will need to adhere to the weekly assignments policies available on Blackboard. You can agree, disagree, use any material from textbook, internet, readings, personal experiences, etc., and I only ask all of you to be respectful, polite, and professional in your writing. Weekly assignments are available from the first day of class until their due date. Once the due date has passed, weekly assignments are no longer visible. Assignments that do not satisfy the length requirements (250-300 words) and/or that are marked for plagiarism and do not have proper citations, will receive point deductions, as follows:

LENGTH							
Words	250 (+)	230-249	210-229	190-209	170-189	150-169	130-159
Points	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
Words	110-129	90-109	70-89	50-69	30-49	20-39	< 19
Points	8	7	6	5	4	3	0

PLAGIARISM – Unless you have proper citations										
Overall % Match	0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90	91-100
Points	15	13	11	9	7.5	7	5	3	1	0

Exams: They are worth 225 points. Throughout the semester you will take 5 (five) non-cumulative exams on Blackboard. Exams may contain multiple choice and true/false questions, and short answers. Exams open 48 hours before they are due and allow 1 attempt. You have up to 90 minutes to take the exams. See Class Schedule for exam due dates and contents.

Case Studies: You will write 3 case studies, each worth up to 15 points. See the Class schedule for due dates. Late submissions will receive a zero. The evaluation rubric is available on Blackboard. You can turn in your work earlier, but the due dates are firm deadlines. You will turn in your case studies on Blackboard. Case studies that do not satisfy the required length (2-3 pages) will receive point deductions as indicated in the rubric posted in Blackboard. Case studies that are marked for plagiarism and do not have proper citations will receive point deductions per the table given above.

General Policies for Weekly Assignments and Case Studies:

- Profanities, disrespectful attitudes, and any behavior that is not acceptable will result in a zero (0) for that assignment.

- Make sure you write a meaningful contribution that is of the required length.
- Write your assignment in a **word document**, and upload it to Blackboard using the "Browse Local Files" button. Assignments written and/or submitted in any other form will receive a zero (0).
- **Anonymous grading** is enabled to avoid any type of bias from the grader. Do not add any information about your identity, neither in the file name, nor in the actual document. Doing so will result in a zero (0) for that assignment.

Academic Integrity: As stated in your college catalog, "Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgement, is plagiarism..." Students found guilty of plagiarism could fail or receive a zero on the work in question for the first offense and could be dropped from the course should a second offense occur. Cutting and pasting information directly from websites without citing your source also constitutes plagiarism. **I will check your work for plagiarism if I suspect it has occurred.** If I determine that you are cheating on any phase of your course work, I will take action that could include giving you a "zero" on the course work or even possible dismissal from the course. Check out the following resources for more information on plagiarism and how to avoid it: <http://www3.southplainscollege.edu/plagiarism/> or <http://tlt.its.psu.edu/plagiarism/tutorial>.

Late Work and Missed Work: The work is due on the dates assigned and late submissions will not be accepted, unless you have valid and verifiable documentation presented within 5 working days from the date. Documentation provided later will not be accepted. It is your responsibility to inform me of emergencies and provide me with the needed documentation. Please remember that in college you cannot wait until the end of the semester to do the work.

Attendance and Participation: Attendance to in-person classes is expected and taken at the beginning of each class. You are not to come to class late or leave class before it is dismissed. Being late 10 or more minutes, or leaving class 10 or more minutes earlier will count as absence. If you have an emergency, please see me as soon as possible, and document your reason for arriving late/leaving early within 5 working days from the date when that occurred. Otherwise, you will be counted absent. You are allowed up to 4 (four) unexcused absences. At the fifth, you will be dropped with "X", regardless of your performance in class and/or on assignments. No exceptions.

Classroom Policies:

Respect for Your Professor and Your Classmates: All students will maintain and expect respect for professor's and fellow classmates' personal beliefs, values, morals and life situations. Insensitivity concerning race, language/accent, religion, gender, sexual orientation, mental/physical disability, psychological disorders, age, or socio-economic status (family situation), etc. will not be tolerated and will have consequences on the student's academic standing.

Proper Manners: Please be mindful of the required netiquette to interact online with your classmates and with me. When you email me, you will use proper salutation (Dr. Mangano, not Miss, Mrs., Serena, or anything that is unprofessional), greetings, and the necessary formal register that is appropriate for communications with your professors. If you fail to do that, I will ask you to properly reword your emails before I will answer to you. This is college, and it is important that you learn to be professional in all your interactions. Inappropriate and rude behaviors will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and will have serious consequences on your grades.

When you email me, please include your full name and the course you are taking, so that I can more readily understand your situation. Please only use your SPC email address for institutional communications.

I will email you back as soon as possible, but please allow 24 hours for my response. If you email me during the weekend, I will likely reply by next working day.

Grading Timeframe: I will grade your assignments as promptly as I can, but please allow up to two (2) weeks after the due date to see your points updated in the Blackboard gradebook.

General Behavior: "Failure to comply with lawful directions of a classroom teacher relative to maintaining good order is considered misconduct on the part of the student. Repeated violations of disrupting a class will result in the student being dropped from the course." (See Student Guide).

COVID-19 Statement:

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19.

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at dedens@southplainscollege.edu or 806-716-2376. Proof of a positive test is required. A home test is sufficient, but students must submit a photo of the positive result.

The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor's note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at dedens@southplainscollege.edu.

A student is clear to return to class without further assessment from DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN if they have completed the 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved, and they are without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Students must communicate with DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.

(Statement updated on August 22, 2022)

**I will make accommodations for any student who,
because of COVID-19, is ill or quarantined.**

For the **Schedule**, please see Blackboard (<https://southplainscollege.blackboard.com/>).