

Psychology 207
The Psychology of Excellence
Class Schedule & Assignments
Mini-Syllabus

The full version of the syllabus (which you are strongly encouraged to read) and all handouts for the course are available at the following web site: <http://shoreline.edu/dchris/psych207>

Basic Information

Instructor: Don S. Christensen, Ph.D.
E-mail: dchriste@shoreline.edu
Phone: (206) 546-5885
Office: 5368 (FOSS Building)
Office Hours: Mondays: 12:30 – 3:00
 Tuesdays: 12:30 – 2:00
 Wednesdays: 12:30 – 1:00
 Thursdays: 12:30 – 2:00
 & by appointment
Course Location: 1522
Course Meeting Time: 9:30 -10:20, Daily

Readings

A reader for the course is available from the SCC bookstore. Additional reaction paper articles and optional articles for the course can be accessed electronically through the course website listed below.

Course Website

<http://shoreline.edu/dchris/psych207>

Exams, Assignments, & Grading

There are 3 total formal tests in the course: 2 regular exams and an optional final. Each test is worth 50 points. I will look at your 2 best test scores for the purpose of determining your grade. If you are satisfied with your performance after completing the 2nd exam (Exam 2), you can skip the optional final. Students may choose to take the optional final as an attempt to improve their best 2 test scores. After each of the regular exams, there will be an extra credit session offering students the chance to add extra points to their exam score from the previous day. There are two required written assignment for this class (the PEP proposal and the PEP manual) that are collectively worth 25 points. In addition to the articles assigned from the reader, students will also be asked to read selected articles on topics related to the course and share their personal reactions to what they read by writing a weekly reaction paper. Students will submit a total of 7 reaction papers and each paper is worth 3 points. Students may submit up to two optional reaction paper assignments, worth 5 points each. I grade on a percentage scale which ranges from 96% = A (4.0) to 60% = D- (0.7). Additional details on exams, assignments, and grading can be found in the full syllabus.

Important Dates in This Class

Exams		Optional Assignments & Deadlines	
5/3	Exam 1	4/16	Optional Reaction Paper #1 Due
6/11	Exam 2	5/4	Optional Reaction Paper #2 Due
6/13	Optional Final	5/14	Last day to drop classes with a W
Required Assignments			
4/6	Reaction Paper #1 (Orlick) Due	5/11	Reaction Paper #5 (Salovey) Due
4/13	Reaction Paper #2 (Dweck) Due	5/18	Reaction Paper #6 (Deckro) Due
4/20	Reaction Paper #3 (Duckworth) Due	5/25	Reaction Paper #7 (Ryan) Due
4/23	PEP Proposal Due	6/1	Final PEP Due
4/27	Reaction Paper #4 (Taylor) Due	6/8	Reaction Paper #8 (Fredrickson) Due

Just In Case This is the Last Day You Come to This Course...

If you have already registered for this course but later decide not to take it, PLEASE BE SURE TO OFFICIALLY DROP THE COURSE. Each quarter, a number of students get a grade of 0.0 (V) in this course because they forget to drop the class after they have stopped attending it. Please don't let this happen to you.