

Syllabus
Clinical Psychology
PSYC 4103 - 201
Spring, 2020

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Text (Required):

Pomerantz, A. M. (2020). *Clinical psychology* (5th ed). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage

Recommended:

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th edition)

Course Objectives: This course is designed to provide advanced undergraduate psychology majors with an overview of the professional issues and responsibilities of clinical psychologists.

Course Description: While this course is basically a lecture course, it is hoped that students will read material ahead and will be prepared to engage in meaningful class discussion. Class lectures will be related to, but not identical with, material presented in the text, and you will be tested on both; therefore, regular class attendance is required.

Grades will be based on four equally weighted exams and four writing assignments. The exams will consist of both multiple choice and essay questions. One writing assignment will be turned in for each Section; the due date will typically be one week before the Section Exam. The first writing assignment will be a Vita and Letter of Intent for applying to graduate school. The second will consist of writing up the results of a clinical interview in an appropriate format. The third assignment will be a short APA-style paper about some type of psychotherapy, while the last assignment will be also be an APA-style paper on a specialty area of clinical psychology. This specialty area must be one that is not covered in the text; the specific topic must be approved by Dr. Guthrie. The writing assignments will be discussed in more depth during the semester.

Grades: Exams	(4 @ 100 points each)	50%
Writing Assignments	(4 @ 100 points each)	50%

Tentative Schedule

Part 1 - Chapters 1-6: 1/21 – 2/19
Writing Assignment I Due: 2/13
Exam I: 2/20

Part 2 - Chapters 7-10: 2/15 – 3/12
Writing Assignment II Due: 3/12
Exam II: 3/24

Part 3 - Chapters 11-16: 3/26 – 4/23
Writing Assignment III Due: 4/21
Exam III: 4/28

Part 4 - Chapters 17-19: 4/30 – 5/7
Writing Assignment IV Due: 5/7
Exam IV: Thursday, 5/14. (Note: Exam IV is scheduled during Final Exams.)
This final is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Attendance Policy: Students are allowed three (3) absences. Once you exceed this limit, whether the absences are excused or not, you may be dropped from the course with a grade of “F.” I will not be responsible for recording attendance for students who are tardy.

Ten (10) points extra credit may be obtained by maintaining perfect attendance, defined as having no unexcused absences. Absences are excused only under the following circumstances:

1. the student provides a written excuse from a medical practitioner stating that the student was unable to attend class on the day(s) of the absence;
2. the student provides a written excuse from a medical practitioner stating that the student’s dependent child was ill on the day(s) of the absence;
3. the student provides a written excuse from an official of Midwestern State University stating that the student was in attendance at a mandatory university function on the day(s) of the absence.

In order for an absence to be excused, the written excuse must be provided within one week of the absence.

Funerals, employment-related absences, illnesses not requiring medical attention, job interviews, family emergencies, automobile problems, court appearances, etc. do not constitute excused absences.

Make-up Policy: You may make up **one** (1) missed exam: if you miss more than one exam, you should drop the course. Make up exams should be taken as soon as possible after you return.

Cheating Policy: Any evidence of cheating on exams, or of plagiarism on papers, will result in dismissal from this class with a grade of “F”.

Note: Individuals requiring special accommodation may contact me after class or during office hours.

Also note: Cell phones are to be turned off during class. If you have a situation that requires you to receive calls, you need to contact me ahead of time, have your device on vibration mode, and take the call outside the classroom.

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Course Agreement

I have read and understand the course syllabus for PSYC 4103, Clinical Psychology. By signing below, I am agreeing to abide by the policies and requirements outlined in the syllabus.

Signature

Date

Print Your Name Here
