

## **PSYC 3350-115, 60369, Personality**

**Summer 2021**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas

### **COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION**

June 7, 2021 through July 30, 2021

*This is a 100% online course, and uses the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>].*

### **INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

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#### **Office Hours**

*Virtual office hours are available. Please contact Instructor and the time can be scheduled.*

#### **Student-instructor interaction**

*Instructor will be checking her email on a daily basis. Instructor can also be reached by telephone calls or through text messages.*

### **WARRIOR SHIELD**

#### **Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas**

Warrior Shield is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in Warrior Shield through their myCT email account. Connect to Warrior Shield by [911Cellular](https://www.tamuct.edu/police/911cellular) [<https://www.tamuct.edu/police/911cellular.html>] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in Warrior Shield, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

### **COURSE INFORMATION**

#### **Course Overview and description**

An introduction to personality, the unique and relatively stable patterns of behavior, thoughts, and feelings that make individual human beings. The different theoretical approaches - psychodynamic, cognitive, behavioral, humanistic, and existential - will be covered and will be related to personality and personality development.

Prerequisite(s): PSYC 2301 and PSYK 309 or approval of Department Chair.

**Course Objective or Goal**  
**Student Learning Outcomes**

- a. *Demonstrate factual knowledge (terminology, classifications, methods, trends).*  
Students will read, write, discuss, and respond to content-specific information regarding personality from the textbook and peer-reviewed articles. Assessments in which students will demonstrate this objective are chapter quizzes, weekly discussion responses and replies, and periodic exams.
- b. *Demonstrate knowledge of fundamental principles, generalizations, or theories.*  
Students will read, write, discuss, and respond to information regarding the theories and basic principles associated with each major explanation in personality psychology including articulating how an individual's behavior can be understood from each perspective and the factors that influence the expression of personality. Assessments in which students will demonstrate this objective are chapter quizzes, weekly discussion responses and replies, periodic exams, article reviews, and the final paper.
- c. *Apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions).*  
Students will select topics from the textbook to discuss as they relate directly to one's own life and decision making. Assessments in which students will demonstrate this objective are weekly discussions and replies. Students will apply and extend their depth of knowledge from the course text by locating, retrieving, reading, and summarizing peer-reviewed research in a theory of personality. Assessments in which students will demonstrate this objective are article reviews and the final paper.
- d. *Analyze and begin to critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view.*  
Students will read and summarize peer-reviewed articles that support one theory of personality and explain in writing how well the articles support the theory. The assessment in which students will demonstrate this objective is the final paper.

**Required Reading and Textbook(s)**

- American Psychological Association. (2009). *Publication manual of the American psychological association* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). Washington, DC: Author. (ISBN: 978-1-4338-0561-5)—**This book is optional, but students will be expected to follow APA guidelines in their writing.**
- Burger, J. M. (2014). *Personality* (9<sup>th</sup> ed.) Belmont, CA: Thompson.

**[For WI Courses]** This is a Writing Instructive (WI) course so writing will be an integral part of my instruction and our interactions. Writing will also be a fundamental way that I measure

student mastery of course content. WI means that you will have several opportunities to work on improving your writing skills.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Course Requirements: (include point values for each- not just a percentage)

### **Structure/late submissions/Attendance**

This course will be completely online using the Canvas system. Canvas will also be used to upload your course work. Course materials, and Module quizzes. (Information about the quizzes are posted on Canvas). Students are to adhere to deadlines for submission of assignments as stated in each assignment description or syllabus. **There is no tolerance for late submissions students must work within deadlines.** All online work submitted for class MUST be submitted through the Assignment links on Canvas; no work submitted by email will be accepted unless arranged with me beforehand. Class will include, class discussions and other individual work. Participation in class a priority. Waiting until just before an assignment is due to complete, one may find himself/herself missing the deadline. Although this is an online class, regularly logging on to the website is required to ensure that you have all of the information needed to complete the various assignments.

***Chapter Quizzes (4% of Overall Course Grade).*** Every other week students will complete a short multiple-choice quiz over the assigned reading.

### ***Weekly Discussion Forum Responses and Replies (18% of Overall Course Grade).***

Weekly discussions allow students to select and integrate course content in ways that are meaningful to them. Students are required to submit one discussion each week (250 word minimum) on concepts (i.e., theories, topics, constructs) and two (2) replies (150 word minimum) to discussions made by classmates. **No credit will be awarded for quoted (or plagiarized) content. ALL content should be written in the student's own words.** The specific content in each submission will vary weekly. Each discussion and reply (2 required) will be worth a total of 10 points.

***Periodic Exams (44% of Overall Course Grade).*** Four exams consisting of multiple-choice items will be scheduled throughout the semester (see Course Calendar for dates). These exams will cover content from the assigned readings and discussions listed in the Course Calendar. All exams must be completed independently with no assistance from others.

***Article Reviews (11.0% of Overall Course Grade).*** Summaries of four peer-reviewed articles will be due periodically during the course. All summaries must be written in APA style. **ALL content should be written in the student's own words.** If students have content that is identical to another work, students will not be credited for the assignment.

**Final Paper (17.0% of Overall Course Grade).** Near the end of the semester, a research review paper is due that integrates five peer-reviewed articles explaining in detail one theory of personality. The final paper will require students to summarize and integrate the five research articles into one coherent narrative describing the specific theory, and students should explain how well each article supports the theory. The paper should also include information from the course

### Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

Graded Assignments	# Due	Points Each	Points Total	% of Overall Grade
Bi-Weekly Quizzes	4	10	40	4.0
Article Reviews	4	25	100	11.0
Discussion Responses & Replies	16	10	160	18.0
Periodic Exams	4	100	400	44.0
Final Paper	1	100	100	17.0
Power Point Presentation	1	100	100	6.0
			900	100%

### Posting of Grades

Grades will be posted weekly in the Canvas Gradebook. Work that is submitted early will potentially be graded early.

### Grading Policies

**Late work is not accepted without prior approval from the instructor. Please let me know if you have questions.**

## COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

### Complete Course Calendar

Week	Module	Instructional Activities	Assignments Due
	Getting Started  (Complete before the semester begins if possible.)	Check computer compatibility on Canvas Establish library access from home Create a quiet study environment Resolve all computer difficulties Find 2 'back-up' computers w/internet	<b>All assignments are due by Sunday 11:59 pm with the exception of weekly quizzes which are due by Friday 11:59 pm &amp; the last week's deadlines are different</b>
Week 1 June 7, 2021	<b>Module 1:</b> What is Personality?	Read Burger Chapter 1  Discussion 1-1 due 6-9-21 (Wed) Reply 1-1 due 6-10-21 (Thurs)	Discussion & Replies Weekly Quiz 1 (due Friday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> by 11:59 pm)

	Personality Research Methods	Read Burger Chapter 2 Discussion 1-2 due 6-10-21 (Thurs) Reply 1-2 due 6-11-21 (Friday) Take Weekly Quiz (due 6-11-21-Fri)	Discussion & Replies
<i>Week 2 June 14, 2021</i>	<b>Module 2:</b> Psychoanalytic Approach: Freudian Theory and Research	Read Burger Chapters 3  Discussion 2-1 due 6-16-21 (Wed) Reply 2-1 due 6-17-21 (Thurs)	Discussion & Replies
	Psychoanalytic Approach: Neo-Freudian Theory	Read Burger Chapter 4  Discussion 2-2 due 6-17-21 (Thurs) Reply 2-2 due 6-18-21 (Friday)  Take Exam 1	Discussion & Replies <b>Exam 1</b> (Due by Sunday, June 20 <sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm.)
<i>Week 3 June 21, 2021</i>	<b>Module 3:</b> Neo-Freudian Theories: Research	Chapter 5 Discussion 3-1 due 6-23-21 (Wed) Reply 3-1 due 6-24-21 (Thurs)  Begin Writing Final Paper Take Weekly Quiz	<b>Article Review 1 (due Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> by 11:59 pm</b> <b>Weekly Quiz 2 (due by Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 11:59pm</b>
	Trait Approach: Theory and Research	Chapter 6  Discussion 3-2 due 6-24-21 (Thurs) Reply 3-2 due 6-25-21 (Friday)  Research/Write Final Paper	Discussion & Replies
<i>Week 4 June 28, 2021</i>	<b>Module 4:</b> Biological Approach: Theory and Research	Chapter 7 Discussion 4-1 due 6-30-21 (Wed) Reply 4-1 due 7-01-21 (Thurs)  Research topic for presentation Take Exam 2	Discussion & Replies <b>Exam 2-Due 07-04-21 11:59pm</b>

	<p>Humanistic Approach: Theory</p>    <p>Humanistic Approach: Research</p>	<p>Chapter 8 Discussion 4-2 due 7-01-21 (Wed) Reply 4-2 due 7-02-21 (Thurs)</p> <p>Research &amp; work on Presentation</p>	<p>Discussion &amp; Replies</p> <p><b>Article Review 2 (due Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> by 11:59 pm)</b></p>
<p><i>Week 5 July 05, 2021</i></p>	<p><b>Module 5:</b></p>	<p>Chapter 9 Discussion 5-1 due 7-07-21 (Wed) Reply 5-1 due 7-08-21 (Thurs)</p> <p>Write Final Paper Take Weekly Quiz</p>	<p>Weekly Quiz 3 Due 07-09-21 11:59pm</p>
	<p>Behavioral/Social Learning Approach: Theory</p>	<p>Chapter 10 Discussion 5-2 due 7-08-21 (Wed) Reply 5-2 due 7-09-21 (Thurs)</p> <p>Create Discussion and Replies</p>	<p>Discussion &amp; Replies</p> <p><b>Article Review 3 (Due 07-11-21 11:59pm)</b></p>
<p><i>Week 6 July 12, 2021</i></p>	<p><b>Module 6:</b> Behavioral/Social Learning Approach: Research</p>	<p>Chapter 11 Discussion 6-1 due 7-09-21 (Wed) Reply 6-1 due 7-10-21 (Thurs)</p> <p>Research/Write Article Review 3</p> <p>Take Exam 3</p>	<p>Discussion &amp; Replies</p> <p><b>Exam 3-Due 07-18-21 11:59pm</b></p>
		<p>Chapter 12</p> <p>Discussion 6-2 due 7-10-21 (Thurs) Response 6-2 due 7-11-21 (Friday)</p>	<p>Discussion &amp; Replies</p>
<p><i>Week 7 July 19, 2021</i></p>	<p><b>Module 7:</b> Cognitive Approach: Theory</p>	<p>Chapter 13 Discussion 7-1 due 7-21-21 (Wed) Discussion 7-1 due 7-22-21 (Thurs)</p> <p>Research/Write Article Review 4</p>	<p>Discussion &amp; Replies</p> <p><b>Weekly Quiz 4 (Due 07-23-21 11:59pm)</b></p>

	Cognitive Approach: Research Theory Review and Presentations	Chapter 14 Discussion 7-2 due 7-22-21 (Thurs) Response 7-2 due 7-23-21 (Friday)	<b>Article Review 4 (Due 07-25-21 11:59pm)</b>
<i>Week 8 July 26, 2021</i>	<b>Module 8:</b> Review and <b>Exam 4</b>	Chapter 15 Discussion 8-1 due 7-27-21 (Tues) Response 8-1 due 7-28-21 (Wed)	Discussion & Replies
		Chapter 16 Discussion 8-2 due 7-28-21 (Wed) Response 8-2 due 7-29-21 (Thurs)  Take Exam 4	<b>Exam 4 – Due 07-29-21 by 11:59pm</b>

### Important University Dates

[https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/2020-2021\\_updated\\_AcademicCalendar\\_3.3.21.pdf](https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/2020-2021_updated_AcademicCalendar_3.3.21.pdf)

### TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

#### Technology Requirements

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. **We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome or Firefox browsers. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.**

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [<https://tamuct.onecampus.com/>]. You will log in through our Microsoft portal.

Username: Your MyCT email address. Password: Your MyCT password

#### Canvas Support

Use the Canvas Help link, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can select “Chat with Canvas Support,” submit a support request through “Report a Problem,” or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

#### Online Proctored Testing

A&M-Central Texas uses Proctorio for online identity verification and proctored testing. This service is provided at no direct cost to students. If the course requires identity verification or proctored testing, the technology requirements are: Any computer meeting the minimum computing requirements, plus web camera, speaker, and microphone (or headset). Proctorio also requires the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in.

## Other Technology Support

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Email: [helpdesk@tamu.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamu.edu)

Phone: (254) 519-5466

[Web Chat](http://hdc.tamu.edu): [<http://hdc.tamu.edu>]

*Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.*

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## UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

### Drop Policy

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the [Drop Request](#) Dynamic Form through Warrior Web.

[<https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/casAuthentication.ashx?InstID=eaed95b9-f2be-45f3-a37d-46928168bc10&targetUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2Fsubmit%2FForm%2Fstart%2F53b8369e-0502-4f36-be43-f02a4202f612>].

Faculty cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar's Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed. Once you submit the completed form to the Registrar's Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar's Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

### Academic Integrity

Texas A&M University-Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. All academic misconduct concerns will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

For more [information regarding the Student Conduct process](#), [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html>].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may [submit a report](#), [[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\\_id=0](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0)].

### Academic Accommodations

At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where



every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Office of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university's programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations, please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion, WH-212; or call (254) 501-5836. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information, please visit our [Access & Inclusion](#) Canvas page (log-in required) [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717>]

### **Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs' Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit [Student Affairs](#) [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html>]. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these [requirements and guidelines](#) online, please visit the website [<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf>].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University's Title IX Coordinator.

### **Tutoring**

Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, on a remote online basis. Visit the Academic Support Community in Canvas to view schedules and contact information. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Student success coaching is available online upon request.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, success coaching, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 501-5836, visit the Office of Student Success at 212F Warrior Hall, or by emailing [studentsuccess@tamuct.edu](mailto:studentsuccess@tamuct.edu).

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive online tutoring support at no additional cost. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas except writing support. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

## **University Writing Center**

University Writing Center: The University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMUCT) is a free service open to all TAMUCT students. For the Spring 2021 semester, all services will be online as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday with satellite hours Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The UWC is also offering hours from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by making an appointment via [WCOOnline](https://tamuct.mywconline.com/) [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at [bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu](mailto:bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu) if you have any questions about the UWC and/or need any assistance with scheduling.

## **University Library**

The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 400,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 96,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place virtually through WebEx, Microsoft Teams or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our [Library website](http://tamuct.libguides.com/index) [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index].

## **OPTIONAL POLICY STATEMENTS**

### **A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M-Central Texas**

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Wellness and Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L).

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don't agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don't be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the [Title IX webpage](https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html) [<https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html>].

### **Behavioral Intervention**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals for whom you have a concern, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. Referring your concern shows you care. You can complete the [referral](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2) online [[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\\_id=2](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2)].

Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the [Behavioral Intervention Team](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html) website for more information [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html>]. If a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5800.

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