

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSP 254 **Course Title** Theories of Personality
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** ICSS 112 Introduction to Psychology
5. **Type of Course** Elective for Psychology Minor or GE requirement
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** First trimester; annually

7. **Course Description**

Diverse views of human nature. The analysis of personality. Basic qualities and dispositions. Characteristic ways of behaving. Theoretical approaches to human personality. Trait theory. The determinants of behaviour. Psychodynamic and cognitive approaches.

8. **Course Objective (s)**

To introduce students to selected topics in personality theory.

9. **Course Outline**

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Introduction	4	Dr. Paul Yablo
2	Personality assessment	4	
3	Physiological bases	4	
4	Genetics and personality	4	
5	Evolutionary perspectives	4	
6	Psychoanalytic theory	4	
7	Traits and dispositions	4	
8	Sex, gender and personality	4	
9	Culture	4	
10	Personality disorders	4	
11	Conclusions	4	
	Total	44	

N.B. The lecturer reserves the right to vary the topics as seen fit.

10. **Teaching Method (s)**

Lectures; classroom discussion.

11. Teaching Media

Assigned texts and reader.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

(i.e. Grading scheme) : Grades given according to a predetermined scale as follows : A = 80 - 100; B+ = 75 - 79; B = 70 - 74; C+ = 65 - 69; C = 60 - 64; D+ = 55 - 59; D = 50 - 54; F < 49.

13. Course evaluation

(i.e. Grading components) : Evaluations are based on two examinations (midterm, final) which each consist of 50% of the total. Questions are of the short answer format.

14. Reference (s)

Required Text :

Larsen, R. J. & Buss, D. M. (2002). *Personality psychology : Domains of knowledge about human nature*. New York : McGraw - Hill.

Suggested further reading :

Hall, C. S., Lindzey, G., & Campbell, J. B. (1998). *Theories of personality* (4th ed.). NY : John Wiley & Sons. (HLC)

Readings :

1. Carducci, B. J. & Zimbardo, P. G. (1995). Are you shy ?. *Psychology Today*, November / December; pp. 34 - 40, 64, 66, 68, 70, 78, 82.
2. Goleman, D. (1995). EQ : What's your emotional intelligence quotient ? *Utne Reader*, November / December, 74 - 76.
3. Hall, C. S. & Lindzey, G. (1978). Eastern psychology (ch. 13). In Hall & Lindzey's *Theory of Personality* (3rd ed.) (pp. 347 - 382), NY : John Wiley & Sons.
4. Komin, S. (1991). *Psychology of the Thai people : Values and behavioral patters*. Bangkok : NIDA.
5. Sensenig, B. (1975). Socialization and personality in Thailand. In S. Piker (Ed.), *The psychological study of Theravada societies* (Special issue, pp. 109 - 125), *Contributions to Asian Studies*, 8. Leiden, The Netherlands : E.J. Brill.

15. Instructor (s)

Dr. Paul Yablo

16. Course Coordinator

Dr. Paul Yablo