PERSONALITY THEORIES

Type: Major

Course Objectives

The course is designed to introduce the various personality theories ranging from Freudian perspective to the modern personality theories. The students will get insight of theoretical perspective of paradigms in explaining the dynamics, structure and development of the personality.

Credit Hours: 3

Course Contents

Personality

Definition and meaning of Personality

Components of Personality theory

1. What is personality

2. Genetic factor/view of personality

- a. Sheldon's theories of personality
- b. Carl Jung explanation of traits
- c. Mckeen Cattell's 16 personality factors
- d. Hens Eysenck's 3 factor model
- a. McCrae and Costa's 5 factor model
- b. Buss and Plomin's 3 temperament

3. Environmental Factor/view of personality

- a. Adler's theory of birth order
- b. Karen Horney's inferiority development of female
- c. Erik Fromm: character types
- d. Gordon Allport
- e. Erik Erickson's 8 psychosocial stages of development
- f. Maslow and Rogers
- g. George Homans: The social exchange theory

4. Learning Factors/view of personality

- a. B.F. Skinner: value of reinforcement, successive approximation
- b. Albert Bandura: modeling
- c. Julian B. Rotters: locus of control
- d. Martin Seligman: learned helplessness, optimism vs pessimism

5. Developmental factor

a. Sigismund Freud: 5 stages of development

b. Henry Murray: stages of development.

6. Cognitive Factors/view of personality

- a. Georg Kelly
- b. Albert Bandura: Self Efficacy and Observational Learning
- c. Steven Heyes: Acceptance and Commitment Theory
- d. Jean Piadget: cognitive stages

Course Outcome

The course will help students to develop an insight of the various models of personality and to analyze and evaluate their strengths and weaknesses.

Recommended Books:

- Allen, B. P. (1997). *Personality theories: Development, growth and diversity.* (2nd ed.). Boston: Allyn & Bacon.
- Butcher, J.N. (2008). A Beginner's Guide to the MMPI-2. USA: APA.
- Butcher, J. N., (Ed.). (2002). Clinical Personality Assessment. (2nd ed.). New York: Oxford University.
- Friedman, H.s., & Schustack, M. W. (2006). *Personality: Classic Theories and Modern Research*. India: Pearson.
- Hall, C. S., Lindzay, G., & Cambell, J. B. (2007). *Theories of personality*. (4th ed). USA. John Wiley & Sons.
- Hjelle, L. A., & Ziegler, D. J. (1986). *Personality Theories: Basic assumptions, rsearch and applications* (4th ed). Singapore: McGraw-Hill International.
- Pervin, L. A., Cervone, D., & John, O. P. (2005). *Personality theory and research* (9th ed.). New York: John Wiley & Sons.
- Rykman, R. M. (2004). *Theories of Personality*. (8th ed.). USA: Thomas WadsWorth
- Schultz, D. P., & Schultz, S. E. (2010). *Theories of Personality*. (9th ed.). USA: Thomas WardsWorth.
- Schultz, D.P., & Schultz, S. E. (2006). Theories of Personality. (8th ed.). USA: Thomson