

PSYC*6700, Course Outline: winter 2018

General Information

Course Title: Personality and Social-Emotional Assessment

Course Description: This course covers topics in personality and social-emotional assessment of children and teens.

Credit Weight: half-course (one term)

Academic Department (or campus): Psychology

Semester Offering: winter 2018

Class Schedule and Location: Wednesdays 11:30-2:20 in Crop Science 403

Instructor Information

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Course Content

Specific Learning Outcomes:

OBJECTIVES: In this course we will discuss approaches to and important issues in assessment of children's personality and social-emotional status, become familiar with a number of measures to assess children's personality and social-emotional functioning, review sections of the DSM-5 manual that are relevant to diagnosing personality/social-emotional problems in children, and do case work in which we compare a developmental with a psychopathology perspective (i.e., wearing a 'Clinical Hat' vs 'Developmental Hat'). You will also develop clinical skills by participating in an assessment at the clinic; this will not contribute to your grade.

Lecture Content: There will be some lecture material covered in most classes by me but the core of the class meeting times will involve discussion of issues that relate to presentations and/or the readings. I expect our discussions to be lively, wide ranging, and involve critical evaluations of the readings as well as attempts to construct the "big picture(s)".

Details about the Weekly Course Content

| Week | Topic |
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| 10 Jan | Assessment approaches to SE/Personality |
| 17 Jan | <p>Methods</p> <p>Overview, Pros and Cons of Different Methods, Culture/Diversity Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviewing, behavioural observation, self/other behaviour rating scales, checklists. • Practice 'first meeting' exercise in class, as time allows |
| 24 Jan | <p>Projective Tests</p> <p>Overview, Pros and Cons of Projective Tests</p> <p>Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Apperception Test (CAT, CAT-H) • Roberts Apperception Test Children (RATC) • Kinetic Family Drawing Test (KFD)/Kinetic School Drawing (KSD) • Draw-A-Person (DAP) • House-Tree-Person technique (HTP) • Child in the Rain Test (CRT) • Sentence Completion Tests (SCT) • Rorschach Inkblot Test |
| 31 Jan | <p>Externalizing Disorders</p> <p>Assessment Measures and Issues</p> <p>[5 presentations: 3 this week, 2 next; TOPICS: ADHD, CD, ODD, TS, IED]</p> <p>Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achenbach Children's Behavior Checklist (CBCL) • Conners' Rating Scale- Revised • Kohn Problem Checklist • Kohn Social Competence Scale • Behavior and Emotional Rating Scale (BERS) • Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scale (VABS) <p>Hand out Externalizing cases - homework assignment #1 (due Feb 7)</p> <p>NOTE: The relevant DSM-5 chapters to review for HW include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) • Neurodevelopmental Disorders (Tourette's Disorder) • Disruptive, Impulse-Control, Conduct Disorders (ODD, CD, IED) |

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| 7 Feb | <p>Family Context Assessment Issues, Challenges to Defining Normal/Typical, Cultural Considerations [2 externalizing presentations] Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Adaptability & Cohesion Evaluation Scale (FACES IV) • Family Environment Scale (FES-4 ed)/CVFES (children’s version) • Family Relations Test (FRT) • Parenting Stress Index (PSI) • Stages of Family Life Cycle • Children's Attitude Towards Mother (CAM) • Children's Attitude Towards Father (CAF) • Index of Parental Attitudes (IPA) • Parent Perception Inventory (PPI) • Sibling Relationship Measures (SIB, SRQ) |
| 14 Feb | <p>Internalizing Disorders and Self Esteem [5 Presentations: 3 this week & 2 next week; TOPICS: SM, OCD, PTSD, MDD, DMD]</p> <p>ANXIETY is the focus this week – Assessment Issues and Measures Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety Scale (RCMAS) • Multidimensional Anxiety Scale for Children (MASC) • Youth Anxiety Measure for DSM-5 (YAM-5) • OCD measure <p>NOTE: The relevant DSM-5 chapters to review for HW include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anxiety Disorders (Selective Mutism) • Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders (OCD) • Trauma and Stressor-Related Disorders (PTSD) |
| 28 Feb | <p>Internalizing Disorders and Self Esteem [2 Presentations]</p> <p>DEPRESSION is the focus this week – Assessment Issues and Measures Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Depression Inventory (CDI) • Reynolds' Adolescent Depression Inventory (RADSI) • Self Perception Profile for Children (Harter) • Children's Self Concept Scale (Piers-Harris) <p>Discuss homework assignment #1 Hand out Internalizing cases - homework #2 (due March 7)</p> <p>NOTE: The relevant DSM-5 chapters to review for HW include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Depressive Disorders (MDD, Disruptive Mood Dysregulation) • Bipolar and Related Disorders (Bipolar I and II: READ CHAPTER BUT NO PRESENTATION ON THIS TOPIC – only on MDD and DMD) |

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| 7 Mar | <p>Personality</p> <p>Development, Issues, and Measures; Barb to lecture on Borderline</p> <p>Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personality Inventory for Children (PIC) • Personality Inventory for Youth (PIY) • Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory- Adolescence (MMPI-A) • Millon Adolescent Clinical Inventory (MACI) • Carey Behavioral Style Qres (Temperament) <p>Practice Case Assignment #1 (discussion of what you need to do + practice with a few additional cases in class)</p> |
| 14 Mar | <p>Suicide Risk Assessment</p> <p>Discuss homework assignment #2 Hand out Personality cases - homework #3 (due March 21 – email these to me)</p> <p>Case Assignment #2 and discussion of what you need to do + practice with a few additional cases in class</p> <p>NOTE: The relevant DSM-5 chapters to review for HW include: Personality Disorders (Borderline)</p> |
| 21 Mar | <p>Pervasive Developmental Disorders (Autism and Asperger as main foci)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Newby-Clarke to guest lecture – luck you 😊 • Please EMAIL me your Personality HW assignments and I will insert comments and send them back to you with grades within a week. <p>Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADOS • Conners’ ADHD Scales in Conners’ Rating System-Revised |
| 28 Mar | <p>Assessment of Child Abuse/Parenting Sensitivity & Competence/Attachment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Heidi Bailey guest lectures – lucky you 😊 <p>Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Abuse Potential Inventory (CAPI) |
| 4 April | <p>Work on take home exam assignments – Have fun with these!</p> |

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| 13 April | <p>Two Case Assignments are due by noon please.</p> <p>Please SEND THESE VIA EMAIL and LEAVE the exam questions sheet in my mailbox (put your name on this). If you do not return the exam questions sheet, I will not be submitting a final grade for you. All exam question sheets are to be returned to me and I am trusting you to behave ethically and not copy or circulate these as I sometimes reuse assignments over the years. Thanks!</p> |
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Course Assignments and Tests:

Further information about these assignments appears on the last page and will be discussed in class.

| Assignment or Test | Due Date | Contribution to Final Mark (%) |
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| In-Class Presentation (Externalizing Disorders) | Week of Jan 31 and Feb 7 | 10% |
| In-Class Presentation (Internalizing Disorders) | Week of Feb 14 & 28 | 10% |
| Differential Diagnosis Homework Assignments (3) | Weeks of Jan 31, Feb 28, March 14 | 3 x 10 each = 30% |
| Planning an Assessment | 13 April by noon | 25% |
| Preparing a Report | 13 April by noon | 25% |

Course Resources

Other Resources:

Weekly readings will be made available (I have scanned these); there is no required textbook other than accessing the DSM-5 (some have been ordered – check bookstore) or order online access:

Available [online](#).

Note that on the reading list I suggest things to consider as you do each reading so consult the reading list as you do the weekly readings.

For most weeks starting in week 3 there will be a file folder that contains tests relevant to the topic we are discussing and which you might want to review; it is useful to become generally familiar with these instruments as they may be used in clinical settings in which you work. This file folder will be on the bookshelf in the 3rd floor copy room.

Course Policies

Course Policy regarding use of electronic devices and recording of lectures:

Electronic recording of classes is expressly forbidden without consent of the instructor. When recordings are permitted they are solely for the use of the authorized student and may not be reproduced, or transmitted to others, without the express written consent of the instructor.

University Policies

E-mail Communication

As per university regulations, all students are required to check their <uoguelph.ca> e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the University and its students.

Academic Consideration

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Academic Consideration:

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Course Evaluation Information

Please refer to the [Course and Instructor Evaluation Website](#).

Drop date

The last date to drop one-semester courses, without academic penalty, is **Friday, March 9th**. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the [Schedule of Dates in the Academic Calendar](#).
[Current Graduate Calendar](#)

Additional Course Information

Assignments

- 1) For the **in-class presentations**: Each of you will pick two topics across two areas we will cover in class (so one externalizing and one internalizing disorder). Then, you will do a short 40 minute (30 min + discussion/question time of 10 minutes) in-class presentation (10% each = 20% in total). Please do not go over 40 minutes – budget your time.

For each of these you should (a) review the DSM manual and outline the primary presenting symptoms and any particular demographic or history information related to the disorder; DO NOT spend time giving lots of statistics or long list of comorbidity issues, (b) mention key differential diagnosis issues (what might one confuse this with) OR what are 1 or 2 critical questions to address in assessment or diagnosis (e.g., does child show remorse or not), (c) identify 1 or 2 common assessment measures that are used for diagnosing the disorder in the research literature or at the CPS. If I cover the measure (in my list) then you do not have to say anything more about it. If I do not cover it: give name of measure, mention approach used such as it is an interview or questionnaire, and give age ranges it applies to, and if you can locate a few sample items then present these too along with the response scale or coding scheme – the point is to give people a sense of the assessment measure and who it applies to and how you use it – BUT only if it is a measure I am not covering; and (d) pose 1 discussion question for the class related to assessment or issues in the field about the diagnosis.

ALSO: please try to locate a video clip (e.g., YouTube) to show the class what the disorder looks like in children or adolescents or adults – it is helpful to ‘experience’ how a client might present.

Organize a summary of this information on a one page (2 sided) handout for your classmates.

The aim of this assignment is to increase familiarity with diagnosis of disorders in childhood, and expand your knowledge of assessment measures, differential diagnosis, and assessment issues.

- 2) For the **case assignments: #1:** I will provide you a ‘presenting problem’ and you will have to plan an assessment strategy (25%), and for #2 I will provide ‘findings from an assessment’ and you will be asked to prepare a report summarizing these findings and making recommendations accordingly (25%). We will practice doing these types of tasks in class on other sample cases so you will be well prepared.

ALL WORK ON THIS ASSIGNMENT SHOULD BE YOUR OWN (i.e., no discussion with other students about the case, past grading, etc.)

- 3) To promote development of further clinical skills, you will be paired with someone at the clinic who is conducting an assessment. At a minimum: You will sit in on the history taking session and administer a Kinetic Family Drawing Test to the child; if you have more advanced skills, you may be allowed to administer and score additional tests to assess social-emotional functioning. You will figure this out by discussing this with your assigned clinic supervisor. This aspect of the course assignments will not be graded but I will ask all supervisors to alert me if they identify any difficulties or problems in your interactions with the children/adolescents. Also, we will find time throughout the term to have you individually share your experiences doing this.
- 4) Throughout the course we will conduct **case-based work** aimed at increasing your familiarity with SE-P issues that affect children and are covered in the DSM. These will be handed out as homework assignments (3 x 10% each = 30%) that will be graded and discussed in class. In addition, we will do more case work in class, as time allows.

TO BE CLEAR: All work on all assignments (including homework assignments) is to be completed independently. Doing otherwise constitutes cheating.