



Health Sciences 3820b — Personal Constructions of Health

School of Health Studies, Faculty of Health Sciences

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This is a preliminary course outline. It may be necessary to revise parts of it before classes begin.

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Classes – 2 hours

Tuesdays, 10:30 to 12:20, room to be determined.

Course Information

This course takes a personal construct approach to understanding persons as individual meaning-makers. It starts with the issue of consent and the role of personal meaning in clinical decision making, then considers Freud's psychodynamic approach, before focussing on Kelly's personal construct approach and the repertory grid procedure. Your grade in this course is based on two tests and a final exam.

Course Materials

There is no textbook to be purchased for this course. A set of pdf readings is posted in OWL to accompany the classes.

Evaluation

Your grade in this course is based on two tests and a final exam. Each is worth one-third of your course grade. The first test is held in class on Tuesday February 7, and the second test is held in class on Tuesday March 7. The final exam will be scheduled during the official examination period.

If you are unable to complete a test during the scheduled time as a result of medical illness or non-medical reasons, you must consult an academic counsellor to obtain academic accommodation. Once academic accommodation is obtained, the percentage associated with the missed quiz will be evenly distributed between the other test and the final exam. For example, if you were unable to complete the first test because of illness, the second test would be worth 50 percent and the final exam would be worth 50 percent.

If you miss the final exam due to medical illness or non-medical reasons, you must consult an academic counsellor to obtain academic accommodation to write a make-up exam.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Lecture Topic
1	Jan 10	Course Overview
2	Jan 17	Consent and Methods of Knowing (Reading A), Five Factor Model
3	Jan 24	Psychodynamic Approach (Reading B)
4	Jan 31	Psychodynamic Approach
5	Feb 7	Test 1

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6	Feb 14	Repertory Grid (Reading C)
	Feb 21	No Class — Reading Week
7	Feb 28	Repertory Grid (Reading C)
8	Mar 7	Test 2
9	Mar 14	Personal Construct Theory (Reading D)
10	Mar 21	Personal Construct Cases (Reading E)
11	Mar 28	Personal Construct Cases
12	Apr 4	Question & Answer Exam Preparation

Other Course Information

Prerequisite Checking

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enrol in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Use of Electronic and Other Powered Devices

Lectures. A computer or tablet may be used during lectures for scholastic purposes only. Audio or video recording of classes is not permitted without permission of the instructor.

Tests and Final Exam. Electronic or other powered devices may not be used during tests and final exam unless otherwise stated by the instructor.

Scholastic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the website:

www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Accommodation for Illness

www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_illness.pdf

The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet his/her academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Illness may be acute (short term), or it may be chronic (long term), or chronic with acute episodes. The University further recognizes that medical situations are deeply personal and respects the need for privacy and confidentiality in these matters. However, in order to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course shall be granted only in those cases where there is documentation indicating that the student was seriously affected by illness and could not reasonably be expected to meet his/her academic responsibilities.

A UWO Student Medical Certificate (SMC) is required where a student is seeking academic accommodation.

This documentation should be obtained at the time of the initial consultation with the physician or walk-in clinic.

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submitted, as soon as possible, to the appropriate Academic Counselling Office of the student's Faculty of registration. Health Studies students should contact the School of Health Studies main office (222 HSB).

Support Services

There are various support services available on campus. These include services offered by the Student Development Centre, Student Health Services, Office of the Registrar, and Office of the Ombudsperson.

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Student Health Services	www.uwo.ca/health/services/students
Office of the Registrar	www.registrar.uwo.ca
Office of the Ombudsperson	www.uwo.ca/ombuds

Health and Wellness

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