

Chaminade University

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845-1445 days

Course: The Psychology of Small Groups
Psy 411 (3)

Time: Wednesdays, 5:45m to 9:55pm

Required Text

Joining Together: Group Theory and Group Skills, Fifth Edition
David W. Johnson & Frank P. Johnson. 1994. Allyn and Bacon

Course Outline

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
April 10	Introduction/Course Outline Group Dynamics and Experiential Learning Project assignments	Intro, 1 & 2
April 17	Social Interdependence	2 & 3
April 24	Communication and Conflicts	4 & 8
May 1	Leadership and Power	5 & 9
May 8	Decision Making	6
May 15	Controversy and Creativity	7
May 22	Diversity and The Team	10 & 13
May 29	Leading Groups	11 & 12
June 5	Final Exam	
June 12	Closure and Evaluations	

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to explore behavior as a function of factors operating in groups, especially in face-to-face contact. Exam principles of group dynamics; alternative techniques for leadership, organization, and control. Prerequisite: PSY 101, 322 and 406.

Course requirements

Exams: There will be one exam (a final) during the course. It will cover material primarily from the text. The format will be multiple choice and short essay. The exam will only be given on the scheduled date. If special circumstances should arise which prevent you from taking the exam on the scheduled date, arrangements must be made at least two weeks prior to the exam date.

Presentations: Students will chose from a list of topics provided by instructor. Student must introduce and demonstrate the topic through discussion and experiential activities. Presentations should be between 30 to 45 minutes. Students may use the text book, articles, personal experience or any other source of information to complete this assignment. Presentations are to be conducted on scheduled dates. Each student will turn in a 5 page type-written paper containing the pertinent topics of their presentations. If special circumstances should arise, arrangements must be made at least two weeks in advance of scheduled date.

Class attendance and participation: Students are expected to attend all classes. Students who miss class are responsible for material covered in the lecture and the assigned readings. Special arrangements must be made with instructor two weeks in advance to avoid grade penalty if more than two classes are missed during the term. Participation in class generally makes the course more interesting for both the instructor and students. Students are expected to participate in class discussions and activities. Avoid embarrassment, do your reading!

Grades:

40%	Class presentation and paper
30%	Final exam
30%	Attendance and participation