

SSE 99  
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**CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU**

Summer 1999 Main Campus  
Psychology Small Groups *fsp 4/1*  
July 10, 1999 - September 11, 1999

Instructor: Denise H. Lajoie, M. A. <dlajoie@aloha.net>  
Time: 9:00 - 1:00 Saturday

TEXTBOOK REQUIRED: Arkoff, A. (1995). *The Illuminated Life*. Boston: Allyn & Bacon.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Small groups will endeavor to investigate psychological group processes from the following perspectives: Group therapy, Self-help Groups, Group Dynamics, Social Psychological Group Research including phenomena such as *groupthink*, *prejudice*, *social movements*. The main focus will be on the self-help group and will use the text as a guide to experience each of the 14 topics. The course will be conducted in an experiential, seminar style requiring regular attendance. This is not a lecture course. All topics will be discussed with students and students will be *expected to contribute to class discussions*.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- 2 Quizzes - 25 points each 50
- 8 Essays - 10 points each 160
- 1 Semester project - 50 points 50
- Participation - 40 points 40
- Attendance - 25 points 25

Total points possible = 325 (90% = A - 292 points, etc)

At least 2 unscheduled quizzes will be offered for those who are interested in earning extra credit. Come to class prepared! Extra credit assignments or quizzes cannot be made up if missed. The participation portion of the grade will be determined by student's contribution to class discussions, by completed assignments, and by demonstration of an understanding of assigned material in the classroom.

**POLICY:**

Any late essays will automatically lose 5 points. Assignments may be turned in late ONLY if there is a legitimate excuse and provided they are no more than 1 week late. This course is seen by the instructor as a contract between Chaminade University (represented by the instructor) and the student body (represented by individual students). As part of the contract, the instructor is responsible for leading students into an investigation and examination of contemporary group processes that is comprehensive and meaningful. The student agrees to fulfill the course requirements as set forth in the course syllabus. Grades will be a function of each student's fulfillment of the contract.

CLASSTIME: Classtime will be devoted in roughly the following manner:

- 1<sup>st</sup> hour - review of readings, questions, discussion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> hour - film or activity of interest
- 3<sup>rd</sup> hour - discussions and group work
- 4<sup>th</sup> hour - discussion, assignments, current issues

Students are responsible for all assigned readings and must come to class prepared. Some handouts will be provided by instructor as additional material and may be included on the quiz. **ALL HANDOUTS WILL BE IMPORTANT TO YOUR GRADE IN SOME WAY.**

The instructor will not hold regular office hours. Students are encouraged to make an appointment with the instructor for some time before or after class if private time is necessary. Students can also send E-Mail to: dlajoie@aloha.net. Questions about grades in general or quiz grades, will not be answered during class time. Request an appointment promptly if you have a grade related question.

SCHEDULE:

**CLASS SCHEDULE PSY202 CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY**

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT
1	7/10	INTRO & CH1	READ CH 1, 2
2	7/17	Self-Identity	READ CH 3, 9
3	7/24	Beliefs-Values	READ CH 4, 10
4	7/31	Turning Points-Goals	READ CH 5, 6
5	8/7	Relationships/Love	READ - HANDOUTS
6	8/14	Transpersonal Growth	READ CH 7, 11
7	8/21	Death-Stress	READ CH 12, 13
8	8/28	Assets, Commitment	READ Ch 14
9	9/4	The Future	Prepare Final Project
10	9/11	<b>FINAL PROJECT</b>	

This class will automatically score 2 credits. Assignments may be turned in late ONLY if there is a legitimate excuse and provided they are no more than 1 week late. The course is open to the instructor as a contract program. Chaminda University represents by the instructor and the student work represented by individual students. As part of the contract, the instructor is responsible for leading students into an investigation and examination of contemporary group processes that is comprehensive and meaningful. The student agrees to fill the course requirement of the fall in the course without. Grades will be a function of each student's fulfillment of the contract.