

COURSE: PSY 411 The Psychology of Small Groups

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TEXT: Joining Together
David W & Frank P. Johnson (Allyn & Bacon; 7th Edition)

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Course Description: Behavior as a function of factors operating in groups, especially in face-to-face contact. Assessment of principles of group dynamics, alternative techniques for leadership, organization, and control.

Course Goals and Objectives: An introduction to both the theory, the scientific study and research findings needed to understand how to make groups effective and the skills required to apply that knowledge in practical situations. The theory and exercises are integrated into an inquiry or experiential approach to learning about the dynamics of small groups.

Methods and Procedures: Text study, lectures, group discussions, group exercises, and exams. Exams will be a combination of multiple choice, fill in the blank, and essay.

Grading: Attendance & Participation – 33 1/3 % (100 points)
Mid-Term Exam – 33 1/3 % (100 points) Final Exam – 33 1/3 % (100 points)

Excellent	A	90 - 100%	270 - 300
Above Average	B	80 - 89%	240 - 369
Average	C	70 - 79%	210 - 239
Below Average	D	60 - 69%	180 - 209

Oct.	04	Course Introduction; Chapter 1
	11	Chapters 2 & 3
	18	Chapter 4
	25	Chapters 5 & 6
Nov.	01	Mid Term Exam; Chapter 7
	08	Chapter 8
	15	Chapter 9
	22	No Class Holiday
	29	Chapters 10 & 11
Dec.	06	Chapters 12 & 13
	13	Final Exam; Chapter 14

Class Attendance and Participation

During each class attendance will be taken. Class attendance and participation will be used to compute your final grade. Each Class session is worth a total of 10 points. If you are unable to attend a session please advise me in advance if at all possible either via e-mail, phone, or in writing in class.

Grade	Attendance	Participation
A	90	90
B	80	80
C	70	70
D	60	60
F	50	50
W	40	40
X	30	30
Y	20	20
Z	10	10

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