

FE 102

PSY 41120
PSYCHOLOGY OF SMALL GROUPS
FALL EVENING 2002

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Texts: Joining Together Group Theory and Group Skills;
Johnson 7th
Edition

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will explore the nature of groups and their dynamics and the importance of groups. In examining groups we will look at the different types of groups and how structure is used in the group setting. Dynamics of the group such as goals, trust, communication, power, leadership, decisions, conflict/negotiations, and diversity will be examined through experiential learning.

The scope of this course will be an experiential journey into the meaning and reality of groups and their purpose in today's world. This will be done through some lecture, videos, small group work and practical application/presentation of material.

Students are expected to attend class and be on time. Because this is a highly experiential/participatory class, and student missing more than two full classes will have lost enough points to have their grade lowered by one full grade. Group and small group exercises can not be made up and therefore no journal entries can be made resulting in a loss of 40 points.

OBJECTIVES:

Student will be able to demonstrate:

- an understanding of group dynamics within the context of group development.
- an understanding of different groups and their respective goals.
- an understanding of group dynamics within the context of group development.
- an understanding of each phase a group goes through.
- an understanding of establishing and stating group goals.
- an understanding of power and leadership in groups.
- and develop skills for becoming a group facilitator.
- differences/similarities between teams and groups.
- an understanding of group conflict resolution strategies.
- an understanding of the elements that create an effective working group.

CLASS STRUCTURE:

Lecture, video, class/instructor interaction, small group discussion and presentation.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

You must come to class on time. When role is taken, if you are not present you will be marked absent and you will be considered as missing the class.

It is your responsibility to inform the instructor of your presence if you come to class late.

ASSESSMENT:

1. Student will keep a journal for each of their small group sessions. the journal will reflect content, process, and level of members' participation. Journal will be turned in twice: (1) weeks 1-5 and overall analysis (2) weeks 6-9 and overall analysis, and final analysis of weeks 1-9.

Journal is 2-3 pages typed, double-spaced for each entry. Overall is 2-3 pages typed, double-spaced. Final overall is 3-5 pages typed, double-spaced.

2. 9 weekly quizzes - quizzes are at the start of the class. They cannot be made up.

GRADING:

Journal - each weekly entry	=	40 pts x 9	=	360 pts
Journal - each overall entry	=	40 pts x 2	=	80 pts
Journal - final overall	=		=	60 pts
				500 pts
Weekly Quiz (lowest score dropped)	=	25 pts x 8	=	200 pts
1 Research paper (7-10 pages)	=		=	100 pts
Presentation of paper	=		=	100 pts

TOTAL = 900 pts

A = 810 +
B = 720 - 809
C = 719 - 630
D = 629 - 540

JOURNALS AND PAPERS MUST BE TURNED IN ON DATE DUE!

NO EXCEPTIONS!

If you miss a group session, it cannot be made up. Your journal entry for that group will be blank and you will lose 40 pts.

Tentative Course Schedule

WEEK	TOPIC	READINGS
10/10	Introduction to course, goals, expectations overview of material, group dynamics and learning small group	Chapt 1 & 2
10/17 3 & 4	Group goals how to establish and communication small group	Chapt 3 & 4
10/24	Leadership and Power small group	Chapt 5 & 6
10/31	Power and Decision Making small group	Chapt 6 & 7
11/07	Controversy and Creativity Journals are due (weeks 1 - 5), Overall	Chapt 8 small group
11/14 9	Managing Conflict of Interest and practice skills small group	Chapt 9
11/21 & 11	Valuing Diversity and Learning/Discussion Groups small group	Chapt 10 & 11
11/28 13	Leading Growth and Counseling Groups Teams and Team Development small group	Chapt 12 & 13
12/05	Team Development and Training Using Teams Effectively	Chapt 13
12/12	Group Skills and Leading Effective Groups Final	Chapt 14