The University of Oklahoma  
College of Continuing Education  
Advanced Programs – Course Syllabus

Course Title:  
Theoretical Foundations of Human Relations

Course Number:  
HR 5003-221

Course Description:  
This course is designed to introduce students to some of the theoretical positions which are the bases for various types of professional practice in Human Relations. The assumption is that students will typically be interested in this course from at least four major perspectives (which may overlap). First, they are interested in interpersonal relationships, especially as they relate to supervision and management positions. Other students will be interested in providing some type of human service counseling in various private and public social service agencies. A third group will be interested in dealing with social justice and working with organizations that seek to foster diversity and equality in our society. And, a fourth group may be interested in human resource development, especially as it relates to organizational development, leadership development or coaching and mentoring. This course will attempt to identify theoretical positions that would lend themselves to informing students regarding the role of theory in practice areas. Special emphasis will be placed on developing a broad understanding of theoretical approaches and how those approaches may facilitate individual client or organizational growth. Students will be introduced to the personalities of theorists, the cultural and historical context of their theory building, major themes and ideas of the theories and evidence based research supporting the theoretical approach. Students will be asked to analyze the theories in the context of their own anticipated practice and the potential audiences that they wish to serve.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:  
Dates: April 21 – 26, 2015  
Location: Rota, Spain. Please contact the Site Director for classroom location.  
Hours: Tuesday - Friday 6:00-9:30 pm; Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: March 23, 2015

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Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.
Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:

Student materials are available at the OU Follett Bookstore located at 1185 Asp Avenue; Norman, OK, and can be ordered online, by phone, by email, or by fax. Ordering online at www.oklahoma.bkstr.com is strongly recommended – students can track the status of their order within 48 hours. If an order has not been shipped within three days, students can contact the Follett textbook manager by phone (405) 325-3511, (800) 522-0772 (toll-free) or email 0831mgr@fheg.follett.com. Phone orders (ask for the textbook manager and identify yourself as an Advanced Programs student) can be placed 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. to 4p.m. on Saturday (CST). Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (CST). Fax orders can be placed 24 hours a day at (405) 325-7770. Text prices are available online.


2. MBTI On-Line Assessment: **Assessment needs to be taken by March 24, 2015.** Students can access the assessment using the link provided with the instructions below. **Note:** The $23 fee for the assessment will be charged to the students’ bursar account

**Suggested (but not required) Textbooks:**


Note: Follett is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through Follett.

**Course Objectives:**

The objectives of this course are:

1. To expose students to a comprehensive overview of theory and its role in human relations practice;
2. To help understand the fundamental principles of key theoretical orientations that are the foundations of human relations practice;
3. To understand specific practices and techniques that are associated with the various theoretical orientations that may enhance the potential intervention of the students in their human relations practice;
4. To appreciate the role of theory in practice and its ability to explain and enhance complex human interactions;
5. To better understand a student’s inclination and personal approach to the world and how it might relate to the various theoretical orientations;
6. To develop a critical analysis in looking at theories that inform practice in human relations;
7. To observe videos and case accounts that help students better understand how the various theories work with individuals and organizations; and,
8. To review theoretical orientations within the framework of ethical behavior and interpersonal activities.
Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:

Preliminary Assessments

Each student must complete or have available the MBTI Form M before March 24, 2015. Instructions for these assessments are included on the next page. The results will be used by the students during in-class exercises for personal exploration. All results will be kept confidential and are for student’s personal use only. **Having this assessment is worth 20% of the final grade.**

To Take an Assessment

1. Using a web browser (i.e., Microsoft® Internet Explorer), access the assessment on the CPP Web Administration site:
2. Provide the requested demographic information.
3. Click continue
4. Follow all directions to complete your assessment.
5. Answer the questions as spontaneously as possible.
6. Respond to every item.
7. After completing the assessment, click done at the bottom of the page.

If you cannot complete an assessment in one sitting:

1. If taking a break from an assessment be sure to click Done so your responses will be saved and can be recovered when you resume. Write down your User ID number so you can resume taking the assessment using the same User ID. Click Log Out and close your browser session.
2. When you are ready to complete your assessment, go to [http://online.cpp.com](http://online.cpp.com) and enter the Login: “Boomer”, password: “Sooner” (both login and password are case sensitive) and your User ID to return to your assessment.

If you have any questions during the self-administration process, please contact debbieb@ou.edu. Thank you for your participation.

Readings:

Prior to class, students should read the following chapters in the required text for those chapters and theorists who are listed below. The other chapters are interesting, but will not be emphasized in the class discussions.

- Chapter 1: Helping Relationships: From Core Dimensions to Brief Approaches
- Chapter 2: Diversity and Social Justice Issues in Counseling and Psychotherapy
- Chapter 3: Psychoanalytic Theory
- Chapter 5: Adlerian Theory
- Chapter 7: Person-Centered Theory
- Chapter 9: Cognitive-Behavioral Theories
- Chapter 11: Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy
- Chapter 15: Transpersonal Theory
Grading:
This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

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<th>Assignment</th>
<th>Due Date</th>
<th>Percentage of Grade</th>
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<td>MBTI Profiles will be provided in class</td>
<td>In class</td>
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<td>Class interactions and participation in class exercises</td>
<td>Each class session</td>
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<td>Post class paper (7-10 pages) indicating which Theoretical approach (approaches) student would select for his/her practice and why (due 2 weeks after class)</td>
<td>Two weeks after final class period</td>
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<td>Final examinations: One-half of the final will be a 20 point multi-choice exam at the end of the last class. Additionally, there will be a 20 point take home essay exam due three days after class on questions related to theoretical positions and issues. Students will choose four of eight essay questions for responses. Exams will cover chapters and class presentations.</td>
<td>Last class session and three days after class</td>
<td>40</td>
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Notice: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. It is the policy of the University to excuse absences of students that result from religious observances and to provide without penalty for the rescheduling of examinations and additional required class work that may fall on religious holidays. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy. Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Integrity and Student Conduct

Academic integrity means honesty and responsibility in scholarship. Academic assignments exist to help students learn; grades exist to show how fully this goal is attained. Therefore all work and all grades should result from the student's own understanding and effort.

Academic misconduct is any act which improperly affects the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement. Misconduct occurs when the student either knows or reasonably should know that the act constitutes misconduct. Academic misconduct includes: cheating and using unauthorized materials on examinations and other assignments; improper collaboration, submitting the same assignment for different classes (self-plagiarism); fabrication, forgery, alteration of documents, lying, etc…in order to obtain an academic advantage; assisting others in academic misconduct; attempting to commit academic misconduct; destruction of property, hacking, etc…; intimidation and interference with integrity process; and plagiarism. All students should review the Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity at http://integrity.ou.edu/students_guide.html

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. All students should review policies regarding student conduct at http://studentconduct.ou.edu/

Accommodation Statement

The University of Oklahoma is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your local OU Site Director.

Course Policies

Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course. Advanced Programs does not provide duplicating services or office supplies.

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INSTRUCTOR VITA
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Education
- Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, Purdue University
- M.S. in Counseling Psychology, Ohio University
- B.A. in Psychology, University of Utah

Current Positions
- Advanced Programs Professor since 1989
- Vice-President for University Outreach, University of Oklahoma
- Dean of the College of Liberal Studies, University of Oklahoma
- Professor of Educational Psychology, University of Oklahoma

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses
- EDAH 5023  Administration of Adult & Higher Education
- HR 5110  Career Development: Organizational & Individual Approaches
- LSTD 5313  The Individual and Leadership

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest
- Career development
- Organizational psychology
- Administration of adult and higher education
- Counseling techniques
- Strategic market planning

Representative Publications and Presentations
- With Jerman, J. (January, 1997). From the ivory tower to the control tower. Air Traffic Technology International'97, 204-208. UK and International Press.


• Pappas, J. (April, 1979). The counselor as organizational/career consultant. Presented at the American Personnel and Guidance Association, Las Vegas, NV.


**Representative Honors and Awards Received**

Principal Investigator or Grant Supervisor:

- USPS Advanced Leadership Program, $1,700,000 for 1999-2013
- MC3 Education Resource Center, $4,000,000 for 1990-2013
- FAA Air Traffic Controller Training, $20,000,000 annually for 1987-2006
- Kellogg International Conference on Residential Continuing Education, $93,000 for 1991
- Southwest Regional Center for Drug-Free Schools and Communities, $3,000,000 for 1989-1993
- Tinker Air Force Base Lean Institute, $1,000,000 for 2004-2005.

**Major Professional Affiliations**

- Lander, Wyoming School District, School Psychologist
- Utah State Office of Rehabilitation Services, Counselor and Psychological Examiner
- Utah State Job Service, Research and Education Consultant
- Latter-Day Saints and West Valley Hospitals, Nurses Training Consultant
- Salt Lake County Sheriff’s Office, Personnel Selection Specialist
- Utah State Prison, Group and Family Therapist
- American College Testing Program, Testing, Retention and Adult Education Consultant
- Numerous business and industrial firms, (e.g., Morton Salt, National Association for Home Care, Skaggs/American Stores, Kennecott Copper, Hermes Associates), Personnel Selection, Organizational Development and Marketing Consultant