

**Introduction to Individual Counseling and Psychotherapy**  
**Educational Psychology EDP 367 FALL 2013**  
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS @ 11:00-12:30 p.m. (Unique Number:10403)  
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**Required Texts:**

Corey, G. (2012). *Theory & Practice of Counseling and Psychotherapy*. Brooks Cole, Cengage Learning; 9<sup>th</sup> edition

Additional readings posted on Blackboard as .PDF articles via professor

**Course Description and Objectives:**

The purpose of this course is to provide a broad overview of counseling theories and skills. Through exposure to various counseling models, students in the course will:

- a. Analyze their assumptions about human behavior and how change occurs.
- b. Understand and critique the major theoretical models of individual counseling, including Psychoanalytic, Existential, Person-Centered, Gestalt, Behavioral and Cognitive-Behavioral, and Multicultural.
- c. Identify how contextual factors (e.g., race, ethnicity, culture, gender, socioeconomic status, and other issues) affect the application of these counseling theories.
- d. Reflect on their own development *and* build a basic understanding for using theoretical models to understand a client's presenting concerns.
- e. Identify and practice basic counseling skills

Coursework will consist of lectures, discussion, video analyses, case discussions, objective tests, writing activities and role-plays.

**Prerequisites**

Students in this course are required to be upper-division students. There are no prerequisites for the course, although some familiarity with psychological theories can be helpful. It is possible to do well without any psychology background.

**Course Requirements**

**1. Case Materials (25%)**

**a. Class Discussion Case Material (5%):** Students will watch the movie *Antwone Fisher* as a basis for class discussion and activities. The movie will be viewed independently (outside of class). You may rent the video through the Audio Visual Library at UT (see library catalog) or rent it through amazon or your local video store. The deadline for viewing the movie is prior to class on September 9th. The characters in this movie will provide a basis for class discussion across the course of the semester. A brief in-class writing assignment on the movie will be done in class on September 10th.

*Antwone Fisher Analysis*      Done in Class    September 10th

**b. Written Case Studies (10%):** Given a description of a character distributed in class, students will write a paper analyzing the case study using two of the major theories.

Psychodynamic	Due:	September 26 <sup>th</sup>
Gestalt	Due:	October 24 <sup>th</sup>

**c. In-Class Group Case Studies (10%).** Given a description of a character distributed in class, students will work together in class in small groups to analyze the case study for three of the major

theories. Part of the grade is based on being in class (to start the assignment), carrying out your responsibilities, cooperating in a timely manner with your partner(s), and submitting the document as instructed. The dates for these in-class activities are:

Person-Centered	Done in Class	October 3
Cognitive Behavioral	Done in Class	October 31
Multicultural	Done in Class	December 3

**2. Behavior Management Activity (10%)**

For the behavior management activity, students will participate in and document a behavior management program. See Appendix A for due dates.

**3. Class Participation (15%):**

This portion of the grade will be based on participation in the communication skills lab activities, attendance and class discussions. Students should be prepared to discuss the readings during each class. All students are expected to participate fully in these activities. Class attendance is mandatory. Absences should be avoided. More than three absences **will** result in a **grade letter penalty**. Also, as noted in class, attendance does not equal participation and attendance alone will not result in full credit for this important part of the class. It is critical that students have an open and positive attitude toward reflecting personally on the material and engaging in group discussions.

Attendance/Participation (5%)

Communication Skills Labs (10%)

**Quizzes:** If it is determined that overall the class is not sufficiently prepared to discuss the readings and theory of the day, quizzes may be given. These quizzes will be based on the content of the readings for the day. If you have done the readings you will likely do well on the quizzes. The grades for these quizzes will be credited toward participation grades.

**4. Exams (50%)** Students will take two in-class exams consisting of multiple-choice, short answer, and short essay):

October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Exam 1	(20%)
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Exam 2	(20%)
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Open-Note Quiz	(10%)

Students with disabilities are encouraged to see me at the first of the semester in order to arrange reasonable accommodations. If not already registered, they are advised to register with the Services for Students with Disabilities Office. To ensure that the most appropriate accommodations can be provided, students should contact the SSD Office at 471-6259 or 471-4641 TTY.

**Grades: 100 points total:**

94-100 = A	90 - 93 = A-	87-89 = B+	84-86 = B	80-83 = B-	77-79 = C+
74-76 = C	70 - 73 = C-	67-69 = D+	64-66 = D	60-63 = D-	Below 60 = F

*\*\*Students taking class P/F – Please note that you must receive a 70 to receive a passing grade, details on this point will be described in the first day of class*

**Course Policies**

1. Students are expected to attend class and submit papers on time. Failure to attend class will result in a lower grade for the course (see class participation policy). Late papers will be reduced by one letter grade per day

2. Students are expected to be responsible for class materials, including classes they have missed due to an excused absence. Students may network with another student to obtain the information if they are absent.

3. Students are responsible for following the instructions provided for completing assignments. Assignments will be graded according to adherence to the instructions presented. All written assignments should utilize proper spelling, grammar, and organization. Students are encouraged to visit the Undergraduate Writing Center or the UT Learning Center for assistance with written material.

4. All written work submitted for this course is required to be your own work, not relying on unauthorized assistance. Use of the Undergraduate Writing Center is considered authorized assistance. For questions on assignments, please consult your professor and not your classmates. Please provide citations for all material that is not directly from the class lectures and all direct quotations from the textbook, using APA format. According to UT's academic integrity policy on the website listed below:

"Students who violate University rules on academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and/or dismissal from the University. Since such dishonesty harms the individual, all students, and the integrity of the University, policies on academic dishonesty will be strictly enforced. For further information please visit the Student Judicial Services Web site:

<http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs>."

[http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acint\\_faculty\\_syllabus.php](http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acint_faculty_syllabus.php)

5. If students are having problems with the course, they are expected to assume the responsibility for notifying the professor when difficulties arise. (Don't wait until the end of the semester!) The course is a team effort between professor and students: feedback is welcome.

6. Students are expected to respect the opinions, beliefs and feelings of other students and guest speakers, even though they may differ from their own.

7. University policy is to respect religious holidays. Please advise me of any upcoming holidays and the specific dates that you will be missing classes so that we can make arrangements for assignments and ensuring that you are able to cover class materials.

8. Use of electronic equipment for personal use during class activities demonstrates a lack of respect toward the professor and other students. Media usage may also be distracting to other students. Please check your cell phone prior to class to make sure that it will not ring or otherwise signal during class. Please put your cell phone away during class. Computers may be used only for note-taking or for class activities. Use of electronic materials during class time for activities beyond the scope of the class (including, but not limited to email, texting, twitter, YouTube, Facebook, un-authorized web searching etc.) is subject to consequences. Consequences may include a personal warning, loss of privilege for using a computer during class, and/or an invitation to leave the classroom. Leaving class for this reason will count as an unexcused absence and may affect your grade (see attendance policy).

**CLASS SCHEDULE/READING AND ASSIGNMENTS**  
**(Subject to Revision)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic/Activity</b>	<b>Assignments/Readings</b>
<b>WEEK 1</b>		
8/29	Introductions and Syllabus Review	None
<b>WEEK 2</b>		
9/3	The Counselor and Therapeutic Conversations Ethics in counseling	Corey, Chapter 1
9/5	Ethics and Culture	Corey, Chapters 2-3
<b>WEEK 3</b>		
9/10	IN-CLASS WRITING ASSIGNMENT Antwone Fisher	
9/12	Psychodynamic models	Corey, Chapter 4
<b>WEEK 4</b>		
9/17	Psychodynamic models con't	Khan, Chapter 7
9/19	Introduction to Helping Skills	
<b>WEEK 5</b>		
9/24	COMMUNICATION SKILLS LAB 1	
9/26	Existential Models	Corey, Chapter 6 <b>PSYCHODYNAMIC CASE STUDY DUE</b>
<b>WEEK 6</b>		
10/1	Person-Centered Model	Corey Chapter 7
10/3	In class – group case study	
<b>WEEK 7</b>		
10/8	Gestalt Therapy: Video (Perls)	Corey Chapter 8
10/10	Gestalt Con't	
<b>WEEK 8</b>		
10/15	Behavioral Management Activity (Target Behavior)	
10/17	<b>EXAM 1</b>	
<b>WEEK 9</b>		
10/22	COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS LAB 2	
10/24	Behavioral Model	Corey Chapter 9

**GESTALT CASE STUDY DUE**

**WEEK 10**

10/29 Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy  
In-class develop behavioral intervention

10/31 In-class group case study

Corey, Chapter 10

**WEEK 11**

11/5 Cognitive-Behavioral Con't

11/7 Multicultural

Corey, Chapter 12  
**BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION  
PLAN DUE**

**WEEK 12**

11/12 COMMUNICATION SKILLS LAB 3

11/14 Multicultural Con't

**WEEK 13**

11/19 **EXAM 2**

11/21 In-class group case study

**WEEK 14**

11/26 TBD

11/28 **THANKSGIVING BREAK**

**WEEK 15**

12/3 COMMUNICATION SKILLS LAB 4

12/5 In-class quiz

## Appendix A Assignment Descriptions

### Case Study Papers (10% of grade)

The Psychodynamic and Gestalt theories papers are each to be a three page (+/-) writing exercise that addresses the two major questions:

1. What sustains the problem for the "client"?
2. How would the therapist intervene using the designated theory?

General grading criteria for Psychodynamic and Gestalt papers:

Point Value	Criteria
59 points or below	Partial completion – covers less than ½ of major issues or is late or contains significant grammatical/spelling errors.
60-69 points	Includes more than ½ of major issues or is organized but contains some grammatical/spelling errors.
70-79 points	Refers to most major issues and is organized* with minimal grammatical/spelling errors. * Contains a clear thesis statement.
80-89 points	Includes all the major issues and is well written* (organized, no significant grammatical or spelling errors.) *Contains a clear thesis statement and specific supporting details. Refers to but does not integrate elaboration.
90-100 points	Meets the criteria for 80-89 points and includes fully integrated elaboration (addresses issues beyond what is required, such as ethical issues, diversity issues, refers to outside readings or ties in other fields of study, for example from outside majors, examination of limitations and strengths of the approach, uses creative dialogue, etc.)

Note: These papers may be written from the perspective of either the first person (as if you were the therapist) or from third person as if you are writing about the therapist.

### Behavior Management Activity

Students will target a behavior that they wish to change, develop a baseline for this behavior, implement a behavioral intervention, track their progress and evaluate why or why not their interventions worked. This assignment will be done in segments and efforts will be documented on a worksheet provided in Course Documents on Blackboard. (10% of grade)

Step 1: Target a Behavior	Done in class	October 15 <sup>th</sup>
Step 2: Tally the Behavior		October 15 <sup>th</sup> to October 22 <sup>th</sup>
Step 3: Develop an Intervention	Done in Class	October 29 <sup>th</sup>
Step 4: Tally Behavior		October 29 <sup>th</sup> to November 5 <sup>th</sup>
Step 5: Evaluate Intervention	Prior to Class	November 7 <sup>th</sup> (Due in Class)

### Class Participation

**Communication Skills Labs:** The labs are designed to provide practice for listening skills and applying counseling theories. They are scheduled during class time and attendance is **required**; absences may result in a **grade penalty** for students who are taking it as a graded course and students taking the course on a credit/no credit basis. In the labs, students will rotate through the roles of "therapist", "client", and "observer" to apply the materials learned in this course (10% of grade).

**Class Participation:** Participation is an important factor in the learning in this course. Class discussion, small group participation and volunteering for role-plays will be assigned a maximum point value of (5% of grade).

**LETS HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER!!!**