College of Arts & Sciences Department of Psychology Oakland University

PSY 2400: Positive Psychology Winter, 2018

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Classroom: 306 Pawley Hall Pawley Hall

Course Description: Scientific study of the strengths and virtues that allow individuals and communities to thrive. Review of empirical and theoretical work as it relates to positive emotions such as contentment, happiness, hope; individual traits such as optimism, self-efficacy, compassion, resilience, integrity, hope, wisdom; and institutional strengths that foster justice, parenting, leadership, purpose and tolerance. *This course was formerly PSY 130. Students who took PSY 130 may not repeat this course except for grade improvement. Prerequisite(s): PSY 100 with a grade of 2.0 or higher.*

Required:

Course Overview

- Bolt and Dunn, 2016. *Pursuing Human Strengths, 2nd Edition.* Worth Publishers, New York. ISBN-13: 978-1-319-00448-4; ISBN-10: 1-319-00448-2 and Readings listed in syllabus
- Website: https://www.authentichappiness.sas.upenn.edu
- Video: Prescription for Disaster http://www.documentarytube.com/prescription-for-disaster

Academic Misconduct: The University's regulations that relate to academic misconduct will be fully enforced. Any student suspected of cheating and/or plagiarism will be reported to the Dean of Students and, thereafter, to the Academic Conduct Committee for adjudication. Anyone found guilty of academic misconduct in this course may receive a course grade of 0.0, in addition to any penalty assigned by the Academic Conduct Committee. Students found guilty of academic misconduct by the Academic Conduct Committee may face suspension or permanent dismissal. The full policy on academic misconduct can be found in the General Information section of the Undergraduate Catalog.

Add/Drops & Incompletes: The University add/drop and incomplete grade policies will be explicitly followed. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of the University deadline dates for dropping the course. Here is a link to important dates to remember: http://wwwp.oakland.edu/registrar/important-dates/

Make-up Exams: Make-up exams will be considered on an individual basis. *All make-up exams consist of essay questions only.* Verification, (a signed, written document) must be presented to me to validate your absence. Please understand that vacation, work, anxiety, sleeplessness, or over-sleeping are **not** considered valid reasons for missing an exam. It is your responsibility to arrange for a make-up exam, the time and nature of which will be determined by the professor.

Resolution of Student Academic-Related Concerns: The student has an obligation to attempt to resolve all academic-related concerns with the instructor. If a suitable solution cannot be reached, then the student should consult the Department of Psychology Procedure for the Resolution of Student Academic-Related Concerns at https://www.oakland.edu/Assets/Oakland/psychology/files-and-documents/Undergrad-Advising/Resolution%20of%20Student%20Concerns-04-2017-approved%20full%20doc.pdf

Audio Recording Policy: Students who wish to audio-record lectures may request permission to do so. These recordings may only be used for the purpose of personal study. Students may not share these recordings with other individuals without the consent of the professor. At the conclusion of the semester, students may request permission to keep these recordings if needed, otherwise it is expected that all audio-recordings will be deleted from all electronic recording and storage devices.

Disability Services: Students with disabilities who may require special considerations should make an appointment with campus Disability Support Services. Students should also bring their needs to the attention of the instructor as soon as possible.

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Faculty Feedback: As a student in this class, you may receive "Faculty Feedback" in your OU e-mail if your professor identifies areas of concern that may impede your success in the class. Faculty Feedback typically occurs during weeks 2-5 of the Fall and Winter terms, but may also be given later in the semester and more than once a semester. A "Faculty Feedback" e-mail will specify the area(s) of concern and recommend action(s) you should take. Please remember to check your OU email account regularly as that is where it will appear.

Course Objectives:

- Define positive psychology and state how it is different from other disciplines in psychology
- Describe the empirical research that supports topics related to Positive Psychology
- Master ways of changing behaviors so that you can function in optimal ways

Grades: Total points earned during the semester will be based on the following course material.

- Three exams. Two will consist of essay questions only worth 25 pts. and your final exam will contain both essay questions and multiple choice questions (125 pts.)
- Online surveys (10 pts. see link in Moodle)
- Chapter quizzes (12 x 15 = 180 pts.): Quizzes will be over readings, PowerPoint and video presentations.
- Mini-exercises (8 x 15 = 120 pts.): Mini-Exercises are activities that students will engage in that incorporate chapter content and practical behaviors which lead to optimal functioning. Complete 8 out of 12 mini-exercises. See list of Mini-Exercises link in Moodle for a list of exercises offered this semester.
- Writing Assignments (3 x 20 = 60 pts.) Papers are to be APA formatted and include one peer reviewed journal article. See the link, Finding Articles Online.
- Course Summary Wrap-up (10 pts.)
- There will be opportunity for extra credit throughout the semester, so students should pay attention to News Forums and Moodle for opportunities.

Total points possible = 505

Grade Calculation: The sum of points earned in all activities will be converted to a percentage of all points possible.

Grading Scale:

Percentage	OU Grade
100	4.0
99	4.0
98	4.0
97	4.0
96	4.0
95	3.8
94	3.7
93	3.7
92	3.6
91	3.6
90	3.5
89	3.4
88	3.4
87	3.3
86	3.3
85	3.2
84	3.2
83	3.2
82	3.1
81	3.1
80	3.0

Percentage	OU Grade
79	2.9
78	2.8
77	2.7
76	2.6
75	2.5
74	2.4
73	2.3
72	2.2
71	2.1
70	2.0
69	1.9
68	1.8
67	1.7
66	1.6
65	1.5
64	1.4
63	1.3
62	1.2
61	1.1
60	1.0
≥59	0.0

^{*}The percentages for your course grade are rounded to the nearest whole number. For example, 83.4% is equal to 83% and an OU grade of 3.2

Tentative Detailed Class Schedule and Topical Outline: PSY 2400

Date	Lesson	Assignment
Week 1 Jan. 3	Introduction	Read Syllabus Familiarize yourself with Moodle and associated websites: View links to important websites. View List of mini exercises. View video on how to access articles online.
	Lesson #1: What is Positive Psychology?	Read Bolt and Dunn Chapter 1: Introduction
	Seligman, 1998. APA National Press Club Speech.	Retrieve http://www.nonopp.com/ar/Psicologia/00/epidemic_dep-ersion.htm Read up to but not including Q & A
	Martin Seligman: The New Era of Positive Psychology	Watch Ted Talks video: https://www.ted.com/talks/martin_seligman_on_the_stat e_of_psychology?language=en
	Callaghan, 2004. Exercise: a neglected intervention in mental health care? <i>Journal of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing, 11</i> , 476-483.	Retrieve from E-Journals Online (see video posted in Moodle or contact the library for further assistance)
	Optional reading: Articles located at the Positive Psychology website and the Authentic Happiness Website	See: https://www.authentichappiness.sas.upenn.edu/resourc es?field_resources_category_tid_1=134&sort_by=creat ed&sort_order=DESC
	View video on stress from Kelly McGonigal	Retrieve: http://www.ted.com/talks/kelly_mcgonigal_how_to_mak e_stress_your_friend.html
	View vides on the downside of happiness:	View: http://www.thedailyshow.com/watch/wed-
Week 2	Jon Stewart's The Daily Show	october-14-2009/barbara-ehrenreich
Due Sun. Jan. 14	Diet and Exercise Plan	Mini Exercise #1 REQUIRED
	Online quiz #1: What is Positive Psychology	Complete in Moodle (15 pts.)
	Online Happiness surveys	Complete in Moodle (10 pts.)
Jan. 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	NO CLASS
Week 3 Due Sun. Jan. 21	Lesson #2: How is Positive Psychology measured?	
	Wheeler, 2013, July 30. Be Happy. Your Genes May Thank You for It. Our Weekly, LA.	Retrieve: http://ourweekly.com/news/2013/jul/30/be-happy-your-genes-may-thank-you-it/
	Langer, E. and Rodin, J., 1976. The effects of control and enhanced personal responsibility for the aged: A field Exercise in an institutional setting. <i>Journal of Personality and Social Psychology</i> , 34 (2). 191-198	Retrieve: http://www.courses.umass.edu/psyc241/langerrodin.pdf
	Azar, B., 2010. Your brain on culture.	Retrieve: http://www.apa.org/monitor/2010/11/neuroscience.aspx

	Cohen, et al., 2003. Emotional style and susceptibility to the common cold. <i>Psychosomatic Medicine</i> , 65, 652-657.	Retrieve: http://www.psy.cmu.edu/~scohen/emostyle%20printfriendly.pdf
	Changing Emotions	Mini Exercise #2
	Online quiz #2: How is it measured?	Complete in Moodle (15 pts.)
	Lesson #3: Values, Virtues and Character Strengths	
	Seligman, 2015. Chris Peterson's Unfinished Masterwork: The real mental illness	http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/17439760.2 014.888582
	Park, Peterson, and Seligman, 2004. Strengths of character and well-being. <i>Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology</i> , 23, 603-619	Retrieve from E-Journals Online (see video posted in Moodle or contact the library for further assistance)
Week 4 Due Sun. Jan. 28	Seligman, Ernst, Gillham, Reivich & Linkins, 2009. Positive education: positive psychology and classroom interventions. Oxford Review of Education, 35, 293-311.	Retrieve: http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1 .1.368.7898&rep=rep1&type=pdf
	View both the Values In Action Character Institute and the World Values Survey	http://www.viacharacter.org/www/VIAINSTITUTE/Abo ut/tabid/78/language/en-US/Default.aspx http://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/
	Values in Action Survey	Mini Exercise #3
	Online quiz #3: Values, Virtues and Character Strengths	Complete in Moodle (15 pts.)
Sun. Jan. 28	World Values Survey	Hypothesis
Sun. Feb. 4	World Values Survey	Writing Assignment #1
	Lesson #4: Resilience and Well-Being	Read Bolt and Dunn, Chapter 11: Meaning and Flourishing
Week 5 & 6 Due Sun. Feb. 11	Blum, D., 1998. Finding strength: How to overcome anything. <i>Psychology Today, 31</i> (3).	Retrieve: http://www.psychologytoday.com/articles/199805/finding-strength-how-overcome-anything
	Raeburn, P., 2006, May/Jun. A case for double-edged optimism. <i>Psychology Today</i> . 74-79.	Retrieve: http://search.proquest.com.huaryu.kl.oakland.edu/docview/214479617/1341162B8327E3EDA59/7?accountid=12924
	Video: TED Talks Gregg Steinberg: Resilience. How to Fall Up	Retrieve: https://youtu.be/WKLy71D06CQ
	Video: TED Talks Brené Brown: The Power of Vulnerability	Watch http://www.ted.com/talks/brene_brown_on_vulnerability.html
	Pennebaker Paradigm	Mini Exercise #4
	Online quiz #4: Resilience	Complete in Moodle (15 pts.)

Mon. Feb. 12	Test #1	Lessons 1 - 4
Week 7	Lesson #5: Positive Emotions: Happiness	Read Bolt and Dunn, Chapter 7: Happiness
	Cardoso, Silvia Helena, Dec. 15, 2006. Hardwired for happiness. <i>The Dana Foundation</i> .	Retrieved from: http://dana.org/Cerebrum/2006/Hardwired_for_Happiness/
	Seligman, 2004. Can happiness be taught? <i>Daedalus</i> , 133(2), 80 – 87.	Retrieve from E-Journals Online
	Kulraj, 2004. Hedonic Treadmill: What it is and How to Overcome it	Retrieve: http://kulraj.org/2014/07/15/hedonic-treadmill/
	Schwartz, 2004, March 17. The tyranny of choice. Scientific American.	Retrieve: http://www.swarthmore.edu/SocSci/bschwar1/Sci.Amer.pdf
Due Sun. Feb. 18	Optional Video: Happy	You can find this on Netflix
	Optional video on happiness: Lyubomirski, S., <i>The How of Happiness</i>	Lyubomirski: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCmjm5MvDlw&feat ure=related
	Optional Reading: Brickman, Coates, & Janoff-Bulman, 1978. Lottery winners and accident victims: Is happiness relative? Journal of Personality and social Psychololgy.	Retrieve: http://education.ucsb.edu/janeconoley/ed197/document-s/brickman_lotterywinnersandaccidentvictims.pdf
	Authentic Happiness: The Full Life	Mini-exercise #5
	Online Quiz #5: Happiness	Complete in Moodle (15 pts.)
Week 8 Feb. 19 - 25	Winter Break Enjoy your week!	
	Lesson #6: Positive Emotions: Love and Attachment	Read Bolt and Dunn Chapter 2: Love
	McLeod, 2009. Attachment Theory. Retrieved online from www.simplypsychology.org	Retrieve: http://www.simplypsychology.org/attachment.html
	McLeod, 2008. Mary Ainsworth – Strange Situation. Retrieved online from www.simplypsychology.org .	Retrieve: http://www.simplypsychology.org/mary-ainsworth.html
W1-0	Gottman, 1994. What makes marriage work? <i>Psychology Today</i> .	Retrieve: http://www.psychologytoday.com/articles/200910/what-makes-marriage-work
Week 9 Due Sun.,	Sapolsky, Dopamine, Anticipation & Relationships from his Stanford lecture, <i>Human Sexual Behavior</i>	View: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIRZu1dRp8Q
March 4	Pump, 2010, Dec. 9. A room full of yearning and regret. New York Times	Retrieve: http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/12/fashion/12Modern. html
	View video on TED Talks from Paul Zak	View: http://www.ted.com/talks/paul_zak_trust_morality_and_oxytocin.html
	Finding Flow	Mini-Exercise #6
	Online quiz #6: Love and Attachment	Complete in Moodle (15 pts.)

Week 10 Due	Lesson #7: Positive Emotions: Broaden and Build, Empathy, and Flow	Read Bolt and Dunn Chapter 3: Empathy
	Fredrickson, 2003. The value of positive emotions. American Scientist, 91, 330-335.	Retrieve: http://www.bus.umich.edu/positive/posresearch/positivesessions/2003-07fredrickson.pdf
	Aknin, Hamlin, & Dunn, June 2012. Giving leads to happiness in young children.	Retrieve: http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0039211
	Burton, 2014, Oct. 12. Empathy and Altruism: Are they Selfish? Psychology Today.	Retrieve: https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/hide-and-seek/201410/empathy-and-altruism-are-they-selfish
Sun., March 11	Miller, G. 2005. Reflecting on Another's Mind. Science, 308. pg. 945 – 947.	Retrieve: Retrieve from E-Journals Online
	Csikszentmihalyi, 1998. If we are so rich, why aren't we happy? <i>American Psychologist, 54</i> (10), 821 – 827.	Retrieve: http://education.ucsb.edu/janeconoley/ed197/documents/Csikszentmihalyilfwearesorich.pdf
	Intervention	Mini-Exercise #7 REQUIRED
	Online quiz #7: Broaden and Build, Empathy and Flow	Complete in Moodle (15 pts.)
	Lesson #8: Positive Thinking: Optimism, Hope and Positive Illusions	Read Bolt and Dunn Chapter 9: Hope
Week 11	Wiseman, May/June 2003. The Luck Factor. Skeptical Inquirer	Retrieve: http://www.richardwiseman.com/resources/The_Luck_F actor.pdf
	Ruthig, J. C., Perry, R. P., Hall, N. C., & Hladkyj, S. (2004). Optimism and attributional retraining: Longitudinal effects on academic achievement, test anxiety, and voluntary course withdrawal in college students. <i>Journal of Applied Social Psychology</i> , <i>34</i> , 709–730.	Retrieve: http://ame1.net/Ruthig_AR_2004.pdf
Due Sun., March 18	Duckworth, A., & Eskreis-Winkler, L., 2013. True Grit. Observer, 6,(4).	Retrieve: http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/publicati
	Optional Reading: Seligman & Maier (1967). Failure to escape traumatic shock. <i>Journal of Experimental Psychology</i> , 74, 1, p. 1 – 9.	ons/observer/2013/April-13/true-grit.html Retrieve: http://psych.hanover.edu/Classes/Learning/papers/Seligman%20Maier%201967.pdf
	Paradigm Shift: Who Moved My Cheese?	Mini-Exercise #8
	Online quiz #8: Optimism, Hope and Positive Illusions	Complete in Moodle (15 pts.)
Sun., March 18	Love and Attachment	Writing Assignment #2
Week 12 Due Sun., March 25	Lesson #9: Positive Thinking: The Self, Humility and Forgiveness	Read Bolt and Dunn Chapter 8: Self-Respect and Humility
	Seppala, E. 2013. The Compassionate Mind. <i>Observer</i> , 26(5).	Retrieve: http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/publications/observer/2013/may-june-13/the-compassionate-
	Baumeister, Bushman & Campbell, 2000. Self-Esteem, Narcissism, and aggression: Does violence result from low self-esteem or from threatened egotism. Current Directions	mind.html Retrieve: http://www- personal.umich.edu/~bbushman/bbc00.pdf

	in Psychological Science, 9 (1) 26 – 29.	
	View TEDx video: Nitin Nohria Practicing Moral Humility	View: https://youtu.be/NCHnK5ZK9iI
	APA, 2006. Forgiveness: A sampling of research results.	Retrieve: https://www.apa.org/international/resources/publications/forgiveness.pdf
	Doskoch, 2005. The winning edge. <i>Psychology Today,</i> 42(11), 42 – 52.	Retrieve: http://www.psychologytoday.com/articles/200510/the-winning-edge
	Forgiveness	Mini-Exercise #9
	Online quiz #9: The Self, Humility and Forgiveness	Complete in Moodle (15 pts.)
Fri. March 30	Test #2 Lessons 5 - 9	Positive Emotions and Positive Thinking
	Lesson #10: Positive Behaviors: Mindfulness and Emotional Intelligence	Read Bolt and Dunn Chapter 5: Wisdom
	Davidson, et al., 2003. Alterations in brain and immune function produced by mindfulness meditation. Psychosomatic Medicine, 65, 564 – 570.	Read: Retrieve from E-Journals Online
	Miller, 2004. The Phenomenon of Quantum Change. Journal of Clinical Psychology, 60. 461-470.	Read: Retrieve from E-Journals Online
Week 13	Bennett, D., 2010, Feb. 21. Mind Power: Harvard professor Ellen Langer's research transformed psychology. Now she wants to transform you. <i>The Boston Globe</i>	Retrieve: http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2010/02/21/mind_power/
Due Sun., April 1	Nolen-Hoeksema, S., Wisco, B.E., & Lyubomirsky, S., 2008. Rethinking Rumination. <i>Perspectives on Psychological Science</i> , <i>3</i> , 400-424.	Read 400 – 403 and 406 – 412 (through Cognitive Correlates) only: http://www.yale.edu/snhlab/Nature%20of%20cognition
	Optional video: Davidson, R. Mindfulness and Education: Cultivating Emotional Intelligence	files/Rethinking%20Rumination.pdf View: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73RnSm-lybg
	Optional reading: C'de Baca, 2004. Quantum Change: Ten Years Later. Journal of Clinical Psychology, 60. 531-541.	iyog
	Mindful Meditation	Mini-Exercise #10
	Online quiz #10: Mindfulness and El	Complete in Moodle (15 pts.)
	Lesson #11: Positive Behaviors: Self-Regulation and Self-Control	Read Bolt and Dunn Chapter 4: Self-Control and Chapter 6: Commitment
Week 14 Due Sun., April 8	Royal Society of the Arts, 2010. Drive: The Surprising Truth about What Motivates Us	View: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6XAPnuFjJc
	Dweck, C. Mindset: How You Can Fulfill Your Potential	View: https://youtu.be/kkE1IC4CpIE
	University of Rochester (2012, Feb. 11). The marshmallow study revisited: Delaying gratification depends as much on nurture as on nature. ScienceDaily.	Retrieve: http://www.rochester.edu/news/show.php?id=4622
	Basco, M., 1999, May. The perfect trap. <i>Psychology Today</i> . Retrieved online.	Retrieve: http://www.psychologytoday.com/articles/199905/the-

		perfect-trap
	Optional Reading: Chua, 2011, Jan. 8. Why Chinese mothers are superior. <i>The Wall Street Journal.</i>	Retrieve: http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704111 504576059713528698754.html
	Collecting stories of those aging well	Mini Exercise #11
	Online quiz #11: Self-Regulation and Control	Complete in Moodle (15 pts.)
	Lesson #12: Positive Behaviors: Positive Institutions - Treatment	
	Seligman, Rashid & Parks, 2006, March. Positive Psychotherapy. <i>American Psychologist</i> . 774-788	Retrieve: http://www.ppc.sas.upenn.edu/positivepsychotherapyarticle.pdf
	Goldacre, B. Battling Bad Science	View: https://youtu.be/h4MhbkWJzKk
Week 14	Head Start 40 th Anniversary Short Video	View video at: http://ohs-hsicc.vzaar.me/4494281
Due Sun., April 15	Optional Reading: Snyder, C.R. and Lopez, S.J., 2007. Interceding to Prevent the Bad and enhance the Good in <i>Positive Psychology</i> , Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, CA.	Retrieve: http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CCwQFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sagepub.com%2Fupmdata%2F11234_Chapter_15.pdf&ei=YiQAUqwaqNflAfi0gZAM&usg=AFQjCNHGQZ0DXX5kyl1UunwB3_m7CB827Q&bvm=bv.50165853,d.aWc
	Video: Prescription for Disaster	Link in Moodle
	Goal Setting: Bucket List	Mini Exercise #12
Sun., April 16	Quantum Change	Writing Assignment #3
Mon. April 16	Summary Wrap-up	10 pts.
*** FINAL EXAMINATION *** Monday, April 25 @ 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.		