SYLLABUS

Goal of course: to survey the basic concepts and methods of therapeutic communication used in the major theories of psychotherapy.

Last day to add: September 12th
Last day to drop: September 29th

8/28 Introduction
8/30,9/1 Overview of psychotherapeutic communication (Ch.1)
9/4 LABOR DAY: NO CLASS
9/6,9/8,9/11 Psychoanalysis (Ch.2)
9/13,9/15 Carl Jung (Ch.3)
9/18,9/20 Alfred Adler (Ch.4)
9/22,9/25 Existential theory (Ch.5)
9/27,9/29 Person centered therapy (Ch.6)
10/2 REVIEW
10/4 EXAM I
10/6 Gestalt therapy (Ch.7)
10/9 COLUMBUS DAY: NO CLASS
10/11,10/13 Behavior therapy (Ch.8)
10/16 Rational emotive behavior therapy (Ch.9)
10/18 Irrational thinking and communication (video: schizophrenia)
10/20,10/23 Cognitive therapy (Ch.10)
10/25,10/27 Stages of the therapeutic communication process
10/30 Reality therapy (Ch.11)
11/1,11/3 Failure of therapeutic communication (video: Trouble with Evan)
11/6 REVIEW
11/8 EXAM II
11/10,11/13 Feminist therapy (Ch.12)
11/15,11/17 Family therapy (Ch.13)
11/20 Additional examples of psychotherapeutic communication (Ch.14)
11/22,11/24 THANKSGIVING: NO CLASS
11/27,11/29 Integrative approaches (Ch.15)
12/1,12/4,12/6 Critique and demonstration of examples: video (Ch.16)
12/8 REVIEW
12/18 FINAL EXAM – 10:30am-1:15pm

Exams: There will be three exams, including the final, and each will count one third of your grade. Grading will be as follows: 98-100=A+; 93-97=A; 90-92=A-; 88-89=B+; 83-87=B; 80-82=B-; 78-79=C+; 73-77=C; 70-72=C-; 60-69=D; 59 and lower = F.
Office Hours: Monday 11:30am-12:30pm in Thompson 131
Honor Policy: Each student should become familiar with the honor policy at G.M.U. It will be followed in this course.
Disability: If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 703-993-2472. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office.

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