Goals:

(1) To gain a working knowledge of psychometrics and scale construction.
(2) To develop clinical inference skills that facilitate valid and reliable judgments about personality and psychopathology in clinical practice and research.

Sept 7: Videotaped interview and scoring using the SWAP-200, Axis II Construct Ratings, and BFI

Sept 14: Clinical and psychometric approaches to assessment


Sept 21: Constructing scales and aggregating data: Exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis


Recommended (particularly for students without prior coursework on assessment):


Sept 28: Beyond factor analysis: item response theory, generalizability theory, cluster analysis, and taxometric methods


Oct 5: Self-reports, informant reports, and projective measures: Controversies and criticisms


Oct 12: Coding narrative data using the Thematic Apperception Test


Oct 19: No class

Oct 26: Coding narrative data using the Rorschach test


Nov 2: Research interviews for assessing personality


Nov 9: Systematic clinical interviewing

http://www.psychsystems.net/lab/clinical%20diagnostic%20interview%2011%2003.doc
Nov 16: Case formulation: I


Nov 23: NO CLASS

Nov 30: Case formulation: II


Dec 7: Scaling clinical inference


Dec 14: “Exam”: Videotaped interview, case formulation, and scoring using the SWAP-200 and FFI

Grades will be based on class participation (10%) and on a written and quantitative case formulation (90%).