



COURSE INFORMATION

Section:

Semester/Year:

Division:

Class location:

Class day/time:

Credit hours: 2

Class type: Lecture

FACULTY CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Address:

Office Hours:

Telephone:

E-mail Address:

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Accessibility

Accessibility provides helpful pathways for using materials and learning opportunities for all WSU students, including international students, students with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ students. Free text to speech software, screen readers, and learning support services may be available.

[Student Disability Services](#) can offer assistance with accessibility software and options. Here are more resources which may also be helpful.

[Accessibility](#)

[International Students](#)

[Student Disability Services](#)

[LGBTQ+ Resources](#)

Course Description

Overview of group counseling, including formation, theories, process, development, leadership, and ethical and cultural considerations.

Course Goal: Students will extend their knowledge of counseling to include theories and models that describe the group counseling process. Students will be able to articulate factors that apply to the group screening process and will be able to evaluate the extent to which group counseling is an appropriate treatment modality for a given client.

Method(s) of Instruction: synchronous lecture



CED 6095: Introduction to Counseling Groups

Course Materials

Required Textbook:

Jacobs, E. E., Schimmel, C. J., Masson, R. L., & Harvill, R. L. (2016). *Group counseling: Strategies and skills* (8th ed.). Boston, MA: Cengage.

Additional References & Recommended Texts:

American Counseling Association. (2014). 2014 ACA Code of Ethics. Retrieved from <http://www.counseling.org/Resources/aca-code-of-ethics.pdf>

Yalom, I. D., & Leszcz, M. (2005). *The theory and practice of group psychotherapy*. New York, NY: Basic Books.

Course Outcome Alignment with Assignments (& Standards)

| 2016 CACREP Standard | Course Learning Outcome(s) | Week(s) Covered | Measured With |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2.6.a 2.6.c | 1) Students will describe relevant theories to conceptualize and plan groups while identifying relevant therapeutic factors that contribute to group effectiveness. | 6, 9, 11, 12, & 13 | Exams Reflection Journals |
| 2.6.f 2.6.g 2.6.e | 2) Students will identify appropriate group types and modifications based on cultural and ethical factors. | 3, 4, 14, 15 | Reflection Journals Exams |
| 2.6.b 2.6.d | 3) Students will identify what stage a group is/will be in and will articulate how leadership characteristics and functions change based on group composition and stages. | 4, 5, 11, 13 | Reflection Journals Exams |

Grading System

Graduate Grading Scale

| Grade Letter | Grade Percent Range |
|--------------|---------------------|
| A | 93-100% |
| A- | 90-92% |
| B+ | 88-89% |
| B | 84-87% |

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| B- | 80-83% |
| C+ | 78-79% |
| C | 74-77% |
| F | <74% |
| Assignment | Proportion of Course Grade |
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| Reflection Journals (4x) | 50% (12.5% per journal) |
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| Midterm Exam | 25% |
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| Final Exam | 25% |
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Course Assignments and Exams

Reflection Journals

Students will complete four reflective journals during the semester. The purpose of these journals is to provide students with structure to further reflect on their role and experience within their broader counseling group. When writing journals, students are expected to reflect on group dynamics that are present across sessions, as well as specific interactions and experiences that happened within a given session. Reflection journals will be graded based on the [Reflection Journal Rubric](#), which is included as an appendix to this syllabus.

Midterm & Final Exams

Two exams, each consisting of 50 multiple choice questions taken from assigned readings and course instruction will be administered. Both exams will be taken on Canvas.

Tentative Course Schedule

| Week # | Week Date | Textbook Chapter & Topic | Assignments |
|--------|-----------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | | Course Introductions | |
| 2 | | Chapter 1: Introduction Chapter 4: Planning | |
| 3 | | Chapter 2: Group Stages | |
| 4 | | Chapter 3: Purpose | Reflection Journal 1 Due |
| 5 | | Chapter 5: Beginning Stage Chapter 6: Basic Skills for Leaders | |
| 6 | | Chapter 7: Focusing | |

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| 7 | | Chapter 8: Cutting Off & Drawing Out | Mid-Term Exam – Available from 10/7 at 8:00 am until 10/11 at 11:59 pm. |
| 8 | | Chapter 9: Rounds & Dyads | |
| 9 | | Chapter 10: Exercises Chapter 11: Introducing, Conducting, & Processing Exercises | Reflection Journal 2 Due |
| 10 | | Chapter 12: Middle Stage | |
| 11 | | Chapter 13: Using Theories | |
| 12 | | Chapter 14: Counseling & Therapy in Groups | Reflection Journal 3 Due |
| 13 | | Chapter 15: Closing Sessions & Groups | |
| 14 | | No class – University Holiday | |
| 15 | | Chapter 16: Working with Challenging Group Members Chapter 17: Specific Populations | Reflection Journal 4 Due |
| 16 | | | Final Exam – available from 12/11 at 8:00 am until 12/15 at 11:59 pm |

*This schedule is subject to change at the instructor’s discretion

Class Policies

Student Expectations

1. Know and adhere to the 2014 American Counseling Association [Code of Ethics](#), applicable university, college of education, and program policies, and all applicable laws.
2. Challenge your personal values, biases, and assumptions while maintaining an openness and curiosity toward the perspectives, values, and beliefs of others.
3. Demonstrate consistently high levels of awareness of self and awareness of others. This includes awareness regarding the ways in which your personal values, biases, beliefs, sources of knowledge, and behaviors could impact counseling clients.
4. Promote social justice, honor and embrace diversity and multiculturalism, and demonstrate respect for and awareness of the worth of others.
5. Come to every class or online meeting prepared and on time and participate in all activities and discussions.
6. Engage fully with readings, assignments, and group work.
7. Students are expected to write at the graduate level. For the purposes of this course, all assignments are expected to display complexity, depth, and knowledge synthesis, while formal APA style assignments must also be exemplary stylistically, grammatically, and mechanically. Students are encouraged to use the internet to learn about grammar and writing. The instructor reserves the right to submit student papers for inclusion in plagiarism databases, such as SafeAssign.
8. Check your university email and Canvas accounts regularly, as these will be the primary means for out-of-class communication between students and the instructor. NOTE: for FERPA reasons, I communicate with students using their assigned university email accounts. When emailing the course instructor, please begin and conclude your message with salutations (e.g., Dr. Branson,) and professional language. Proofread all emails or online postings before sending them.

9. Build your identity as an independent learner by challenging yourself to access supplemental research and materials. Students are encouraged to persist in becoming comfortable with using research and reliable information when making decisions or exploring answers to questions.
10. Students must be able to regularly use a computer with internet access.
11. Respect the confidentiality of your classmates, and strive to create a safe, respectful learning environment. This expectation does not apply to allegations of misconduct. For example, confidentiality may be breached as necessary for mandated reporting, discrimination complaints, Title IX complaints, and other, similar circumstances. Note that confidentiality cannot be guaranteed in group settings.

Religious Holidays

Because of the extraordinary variety of religious affiliations of the University student body and staff, the Academic Calendar makes no provisions for religious holidays. However, it is University policy to respect the faith and religious obligations of the individual. Students with classes or examinations that conflict with their religious observances are expected to notify their instructors well in advance so that mutually agreeable alternatives may be worked out.

Student Disabilities Services

If you have a documented disability that requires accommodations, you will need to register with Student Disability Services for coordination of your academic accommodations. The Student Disability Services (SDS) office is located at 1600 David Adamany Undergraduate Library in the Student Academic Success Services department. However, during the fall 2020 semester SDS will only be delivering services remotely. The SDS telephone number is 313-577-1851 (main number) or 313-202- 4216 for videophone use. Please continue to use these numbers as SDS is still receiving calls. Once you have your accommodations in place, I will be glad to meet with you privately during my office hours to discuss your special needs. Student Disability Services' mission is to assist the university in creating an accessible community where students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to fully participate in their educational experience at Wayne State University. You can learn more about the disability office at www.studentdisability.wayne.edu

To register with Student Disability Services, complete the online registration form at: https://wayne-accommodate.symphlicity.com/public_accommodation

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

It is quite common for college students to experience mental health challenges, such as stress, anxiety and depression that interfere with academic performance and negatively impact daily life. Help is available for any currently enrolled WSU student who is struggling with a mental health difficulty, at WSU Counseling and Psychological Services (caps.wayne.edu; 313 577-3398). Other options, for students and nonstudents, include the Counseling and Testing Center, and the Counseling Psychology Training Clinic, in the WSU College of Education (<https://education.wayne.edu/counseling-clinic>). *Services at all three clinics are free and confidential. Remember that getting help, before stress reaches a crisis point, is a smart and courageous thing to do – for yourself, and for those you care about.* Also, know that the WSU Police Department (313 577-2222) has personnel trained to respond sensitively to mental health emergencies at all hours.

Sexual Misconduct and Title IX

Sexual Misconduct and Mandatory Reporting

Every Warrior has the right to live, learn, and work at WSU – free from Harassment or Discrimination.

Any member of the WSU Community that is impacted by sexual misconduct has the right to report to the University (i.e. Responsible Employee or Title IX Coordinator), to law enforcement (i.e. WSUPD or other jurisdiction), to both, or to neither. Every Warrior is encouraged to make the reporting decision that is right for them.

Please be advised: Most faculty and staff are considered **“Responsible Employees”** and are **required to report** information they receive about incidents of sexual misconduct (including sexual assault, intimate partner violence, sexual harassment, and stalking) to appropriate authorities when it involves WSU students, faculty, or staff.

Free, confidential, and anonymous support is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to survivors, their friends, and their family through the [Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network \(RAINN\)](#). Call [1-800- 656-4673](tel:1-800-656-4673) or [Chat](#) online with a professional support specialist.

Please visit TitleX.wayne.edu to learn more about resources and support on campus and in the local community.

Options for Reporting Sexual Misconduct

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Reporting to the University

[The Title IX Office](#) is available to consult with individuals impacted by sexual violence or discrimination regarding resource referrals, supportive and protective measures, and reporting and resolution options. Where WSU has jurisdiction, the affected party may request an administrative investigation by the University.

Phone: 313-577-9999

Email: TitleIX@wayne.edu

Reporting to Law Enforcement

[The Wayne State University Police Department](#) is available 24/7 to assist individuals reporting criminal activity or concerns on or near campus. Report off-campus incidents to the appropriate police jurisdiction. In the event of an emergency or imminent threat, reporting to the police is highly encouraged.

Phone: 313-577-2222

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If you or someone you know has been impacted by sexual violence or discrimination, please visit TitleX.wayne.edu to learn more about resources and support on campus and in the local community.

Academic Dishonesty – Plagiarism and Cheating

Academic misconduct is any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the institution or undermine the education process. Examples of academic misconduct include:

- Plagiarism: To take and use another's words or ideas as your own without appropriate referencing or citation.
 - College of Education policy on plagiarism: The College of Education has a “zero tolerance” approach to plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty. Plagiarism includes copying material (any more than 5 consecutive words) from outside texts or presenting outside information as if it were your own by not crediting authors through citations. It can be deliberate or unintended. Students are advised to think

carefully and thoroughly, ask for help from instructors if it is needed, and make smart decisions about their academic work.

- Cheating: Intentionally using or attempting to use or intentionally providing unauthorized materials, information or assistance in any academic exercise. This includes copying from another student's test paper, allowing another student to copy from your test, using unauthorized material during an exam and submitting a term paper for a current class that has been submitted in a past class without appropriate permission.
- Fabrication: Intentional or unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation, such as knowingly attributing citations to the wrong source or listing a fake reference in the paper or bibliography. Other: Selling, buying or stealing all or part of a test or term paper, unauthorized use of resources, enlisting in the assistance of a substitute when taking exams, destroying another's work, threatening or exploiting students or instructors, or any other violation of course rules as contained in the course syllabus or other written information.

Such activity may result in failure of a specific assignment, an entire course, or, if flagrant, dismissal from Wayne State University. <https://doso.wayne.edu/conduct/academic-misconduct>

Course Drops and Withdrawals

In the first two weeks of the (full) term, students can drop this class and receive 100% tuition and course fee cancellation. After the end of the second week there is no tuition or fee cancellation. Students who wish to withdraw from the class can initiate a withdrawal request on Academica. You will receive a transcript notation of WP (passing), WF (failing), or WN (no graded work) at the time of withdrawal. No withdrawals can be initiated after the end of the tenth week. Students enrolled in the tenth week and beyond will receive a grade. Because withdrawing from courses may have negative academic and financial consequences, students considering course withdrawal should make sure they fully understand all the consequences before taking this step. More information on this can be found at: http://reg.wayne.edu/Withdrawing_From_a_Course.php

Student Services

- The Academic Success Center (1600 Undergraduate Library) assists students with content in select courses and in strengthening study skills. Visit www.success.wayne.edu for schedules and information on study skills workshops, tutoring and supplemental instruction (primarily in 1000 and 2000 level courses).
- The Writing Research and Technology Zone is located on the 2nd floor of the Undergraduate Library and provides individual tutoring consultations free of charge. Visit <http://clasweb.clas.wayne.edu/writing> to obtain information on tutors, appointments, and the type of help they can provide.
- Library research assistance: Working on a research assignment, paper or project? Trying to figure out how to collect, organize and cite your sources? Wayne State librarians provide on-campus or online personalized help. Contact them at <http://library.wayne.edu/consult>

Class Recordings (Face to Face Instruction)

Students need prior written permission from the instructor before recording any portion of this class. If permission is granted, the audio and/or video recording is to be used only for the student's personal instructional use. Such recordings are not intended for a wider public audience, such as posting to the internet or sharing with others. Students registered with Student Disabilities Service (SDS) who wish to record class materials must present their specific

accommodation to the instructor, who will subsequently comply with the request unless there is some specific reason why s/he cannot, such as discussion of confidential or protected information.

Technology Access and Support

Because this is a WEB course, all or part of your instruction will require reliable hardware including a desktop or laptop computer with reliable internet access, camera, microphone, and speakers, as well as appropriate software including a web browser, Microsoft Office ([available at no charge to students](#)), and the Canvas app (also free to students). For assistance with Canvas, see [C&IT's Student Intro to Canvas Course](#) and [Comprehensive Student Guide](#). For assistance with any of these technology issues, contact [C&IT Helpdesk](#) M-F from 7:30 am to 8 pm at 313-577-4357 or helpdesk@wayne.edu.

Students who lack adequate hardware or reliable internet access should email doso@wayne.edu or call 313-577-1010 for assistance. Students on campus also have access to equipment through University Libraries. See [Equipment Checkout Policy and Procedures](#). The University Libraries also have [computer labs](#) in several campus locations.

Support for Online Learning

"[The Effective Online Learner](#)" is a self-paced Canvas course to bolster the skills needed for remote and online learning. **WSU's** [Learn Anywhere](#) webpage provides resources and tips for taking online courses. [WSU's Academic Success Center](#) offers resources for improving study skills, building study groups, and similar activities. The [Study Skills Academy](#) offers [free study skills counseling](#) and other services.