Instructor/TA Info

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Course Information

Description
This course is designed to provide advanced, in-depth exposure to group psychotherapy theory, research, and practice. In-class discussions and training experiences will emphasize group psychotherapy theory, skills, interventions, literature, and leadership issues. The course includes both academic and experiential components designed to prepare students to be competent leaders of psychotherapy groups. Students will also explore the role relationships play in the development and remediation of psychopathology.

Learning Outcomes

Group psychotherapy
This course is designed to give you in depth exposure to group psychotherapy, to help you become better acquainted with the group psychotherapy literature, and to prepare you to be a competent leader of psychotherapy groups.

Roles of relationships
The role that is played by relationships in the development and remediation of psychopathology will also be explored.

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Participation Policy
1. Involvement in a process-oriented group outside of class:

Students are required to co-lead or observe a therapy group that includes significant
group outside of class include the following requirements:

- Come to class each week prepared to share a topic, question, problem, issue, etc. from your group experience.
- Keep a weekly journal of your group coleadership/observation experience.

2. Process-oriented class activities/discussions:

Effective group leadership requires understanding and use of psychotherapy processes that are subtle, dynamic, interactive, multifaceted, complex, intuitive, and experiential. Group experts have asserted that learning and understanding these group processes is best accomplished experientially (Yalom & Leszcz, 2005). Experiential learning demands that there be an experience, and that students learn the material being taught from their own encounter with the ineffable qualities of the experience. Therefore, a significant portion of this class will involve experiential activities. To not include an experience that allows for discussion of here-and-now dynamics would be to provide inadequate training.

During each class period students will be expected to actively engage in some type of "team building" or other group-oriented activity. Following that activity, the class will discuss/process the activity and any here-and-now implications resulting from it. The class will use content from the activity and the resulting processing to observe and discuss group processes in general and specific terms.

Though such discussion/processing has the potential of being therapeutic, it is NOT therapy. Careful attention will be given to eschew personal divulgences of a historical nature or those intended to clarify or remediate personal problems or relationships outside of the “here and now” context. This experience will not be included in any grading or program evaluation.

The program and the professor are committed to abiding by the APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct, which are also incorporated into the Utah State licensing laws, which state:

7.04 Student Disclosure of Personal Information

Psychologists do not require students or supervisees to disclose personal information in course- or program-related activities, either orally or in writing, regarding sexual history, history of abuse and neglect, psychological treatment, and relationships with parents, peers, and spouses or significant others…

During the experiential component of this class, students will be expected to keep appropriate professional boundaries by:

1. Respecting any person’s choice about how they respond and what they offer.
2. Limiting content to what is happening in the present and avoiding outside or historical information.
3. Remaining aware that cohort relationships will continue both inside and outside the class,
with the program director.
5. Maintaining confidential the experiential group component of the course.

Students will be expected to contribute to the learning experience by engaging group processes such as:

1. Being willing to keep the conversation dynamic and interactive by interrupting appropriately.
2. Being willing to speak about feelings and experiences (those a student chooses to share) without deception and secrecy.
3. Being willing to engage in difficult conversations directly without distracting the class from finding closure/resolution.

Attendance Policy
As this class is highly experiential, attendance is essential. A substantial portion of the class grade will be based on attendance. Attendance during COVID-times includes presenting on-time during the synchronous Zoom meeting and using both your video and audio throughout the meeting. In recognition that emergencies arise, one absence will be excused without penalty (though please make every effort possible to attend). Any additional absence will result in a loss of 30 points. Similarly, arriving late to class (as determined by the instructor) more than once will result in a loss of 5 points each time.

Course Materials
Required Text:

Supplemental Readings (* indicates multicultural/diversity-specific readings):


Assignments

Assignment Descriptions

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**Yalom & Leszcz Chapters 13 and 15; and DeLucia-Waack Chapter 5**

### Outside Group Involvement & Group Experience Journal

Each student is required to be involved in one of two ways with a therapy group outside of class throughout the semester: as a co-leader or as an observer. This group must include significant process work. Each student will come to class each week prepared to share a topic, question, problem, issue, etc. from their group experience. This may also be a good place to write about your own experience in the group experiential portion of our class. Keep a weekly journal of your group involvement experience to be handed in at the end of the semester.

### Activity 2

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### Attendance/Participation

As this class is highly experiential, attendance is essential. A substantial portion of the class grade will be based on attendance and contributions to the class discussions. Attendance during COVID-times includes presenting on-time during the synchronous Zoom meeting and using both your video and audio throughout the meeting. Please plan to attend each class period and to participate actively in each class discussion.

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### Group Experience Conceptualization Presentation

Each student will present a conceptualization of their group experience. The presentation could include observations of the differences between individual and group psychotherapy, perspectives on whether or not the group is utilizing the unique advantages of group psychotherapy, observations regarding the effectiveness of the group for encouraging
Final Exam due

Due: Saturday, Apr 17 at 10:00 am

Take Home Final Exam Distributed April 14 (last day of class). Due April 18 (assigned final exam day/time). Please hand this exam in electronically (via email).

University Policies

Honor Code
In keeping with the principles of the BYU Honor Code, students are expected to be honest in all of their academic work. Academic honesty means, most fundamentally, that any work you present as your own must in fact be your own work and not that of another. Violations of this principle may result in a failing grade in the course and additional disciplinary action by the university. Students are also expected to adhere to the Dress and Grooming Standards. Adherence demonstrates respect for yourself and others and ensures an effective learning and working environment. It is the university’s expectation, and every instructor’s expectation in class, that each student will abide by all Honor Code standards. Please call the Honor Code Office at 422-2847 if you have questions about those standards.

Preventing Sexual Misconduct
Brigham Young University prohibits all forms of sexual harassment—including sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking on the basis of sex—by its personnel and students and in all its education programs or activities. University policy requires all faculty members to promptly report incidents of sexual harassment that come to their attention in any way and encourages reports by students who experience or become aware of sexual harassment. Incidents should be reported to the Title IX Coordinator at t9coordinator@byu.edu or (801) 422-8692 or 1085 WSC. Reports may also be submitted online at https://titleix.byu.edu/report or 1-888-238-1062 (24-hours a day). BYU offers a number of resources and services for those affected by sexual harassment, including the university’s confidential Sexual Assault Survivor Advocate. Additional information about sexual harassment, the university’s Sexual Harassment Policy, reporting requirements, and resources can be found in the University Catalog, by visiting http://titleix.byu.edu, or by contacting the university’s Title IX Coordinator.

Student Disability
Brigham Young University is committed to providing a working and learning atmosphere that reasonably accommodates qualified persons with disabilities. A disability is a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Whether an impairment is substantially limiting depends on its nature and severity, its duration or expected duration, and its permanent or expected permanent or long-term impact. Examples include vision or hearing impairments, physical disabilities, chronic illnesses, emotional disorders (e.g., depression, anxiety), learning disorders, and attention disorders (e.g., ADHD). If you have a disability which impairs your ability to complete this course successfully, please contact the University Accessibility Center (UAC), 2170 WSC or 801-422-2767 to request a reasonable accommodation. The UAC can also assess students for learning, attention, and emotional concerns. If you feel you have been unlawfully discriminated against on the basis of disability, please contact the Equal Opportunity Office at 801-422-5895, eo_manager@byu.edu, or visit https://hrs.byu.edu/equal-opportunity for help.

Deliberation Guidelines
To facilitate productive and open discussions about sensitive topics about which there are differing opinions, members of the BYU community should: (1) Remember that we are each responsible for
you would like them to treat you with, regardless of your differences. (5) Do not interrupt others. (6) Always try to understand what is being said before you respond. (7) Ask for clarification instead of making assumptions. (8) When countering an idea, or making one initially, demonstrate that you are listening to what is being said by others. Try to validate other positions as you assert your own, which aids in dialogue, versus attack. (9) Under no circumstances should an argument continue out of the classroom when someone does not want it to. Extending these conversations beyond class can be productive, but we must agree to do so respectfully, ethically, and with attention to individuals' requests for confidentiality and discretion. (10) Remember that exposing yourself to different perspectives helps you to evaluate your own beliefs more clearly and learn new information. (11) Remember that just because you do not agree with a person's statements, it does not mean that you cannot get along with that person. (12) Speak with your professor privately if you feel that the classroom environment has become hostile, biased, or intimidating. Adapted from the Deliberation Guidelines published by The Center for Democratic Deliberation. (http://cdd.la.psu.edu/education/The%20CDD%20Deliberation%20Guidelines.pdf/view?searchterm=deliberation%20guidelines)

Mental Health

Mental health concerns and stressful life events can affect students' academic performance and quality of life. BYU Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS, 1500 WSC, 801-422-3035, caps.byu.edu) provides individual, couples, and group counseling, as well as stress management services. These services are confidential and are provided by the university at no cost for full-time students. For general information please visit https://caps.byu.edu; for more immediate concerns please visit http://help.byu.edu.

Diversity and Inclusion in the Classroom

"Because we feel the depth of God's love for His children, we care deeply about every child of God, regardless of age, personal circumstances, gender, sexual orientation, or other unique challenges" (President Russell M. Nelson, "The Love and Laws of God," September 2019). As a university community we strive to foster an educational environment that promotes the personal dignity of every student and accept individual responsibility to eliminate racism, sexism, and nationalism. Our course participation reflects our understanding that every individual is a child of Heavenly Parents. We create learning environments in which every individual is motivated to express their opinions and perspectives and ask questions to augment discussions and learning. We listen to, learn from, and strive to consider thoughtfully the opinions of others. We use language that is polite, considerate, and courteous—even when we strongly disagree.

Schedule

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<td>Group Cohesiveness and Integrating Therapeutic Factors</td>
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<td>The Therapist: Transference and Transparency</td>
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<td>Selecting Clients and Composing Groups, Creating the Group</td>
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Weeks 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
**Week 10**

**T Mar 09 Tuesday**
Multicultural Competency and Diversity in Group Therapy

- De Lucia-Waack
  - Chapter 15: (D'Andrea) Understanding Racial/Cultural Identity Development Theories to Promote Effective Multicultural Group Counseling
- De Lucia-Waack
  - Chapter 23: (Singh & Salazar) Using Groups to Facilitate Social Justice Change: Addressing Issues of Privilege and Oppression

(See CONTENT section of Learning Suite for De Lucia-Waack chapter downloads.)

- Skim 2 additional articles, chapters, or books of your choice from reference list in CONTENT section in Learning Suite.

**Activity: Dane**

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**Week 10**

**T Mar 16 Tuesday**
In the Beginning and The Advanced Group

Yalom & Leszcz: Chapters 10-11

**Activity: Jacob**

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**Week 11**

**T Mar 23 Tuesday**
The Challenging Group Member

- Yalom & Leszcz: Chapter 12
- Article: (Brown, 2006) Reconceptualizing Difficult Groups and Difficult Members

(See CONTENT section)

**Reading Log 3 Due:**
Yalom & Leszcz Chapters 10-12; De Lucia-Waack Chapters 15 and 23 and two other multicultural articles; and Brown, 2006.
### Week 12

**T Mar 30 Tuesday**

- **Specialized Formats and Procedural Aids, Practice-Based Evidence**
  - Yalom & Leszcz: Chapter 13
  - DeLucia-Waack Chapter 5: (Burlingame, Whitcomb, and Woodland)

(See CONTENT section of Learning Suite for DeLucia-Waack chapter downloads.)

**Activity: Morgan**

### Week 13

**T Apr 06 Tuesday**

- **APA Group Specialty Requirements and Certified Group Psychotherapist Requirements**
- **Specialized Therapy Groups**

- Yalom & Leszcz: Chapter 15

**Activity: Lindsay**

### Week 14

**T Apr 13 Tuesday**

- **Endings and the Final Group Session**

- **Group Experience Journal Due**
  - Reading Log 4 Due: Yalom & Leszcz Chapters 13 and 15; and DeLucia-Waack Chapter 5

- Distribute Take Home Final Exam
  - Activity: Maddy

### Week 15

**T Apr 20 Tuesday**

- **Present Group Experience Conceptualizations and hand in Final Exam: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00am**

- **Final Exam Due**
  - Group Experience Conceptualization Presentations