

TEXT: David Holmes, Abnormal Psychology. Harper/Collins, 1991.

LECTURES & READING ASSIGNMENTS: The lectures will NOT duplicate the material presented in the text. Instead, the lectures will be used to present contrasting opinions, related materials, and information integration. For optimal preparation and maximal benefit from class attendance, you should read the assigned readings by the following dates:

- 9/23/91 Ch. 1 History and Definitions
- 9/25/91 Ch. 2 Theoretical Perspectives
- 9/30/91 Ch. 3 Diagnostic Techniques and Research Methods
- 10/2/91 Ch. 4 Anxiety Disorders: Symptoms and Issues
- 10/4/91 Ch. 5 Anxiety Disorders: Explanations
- 10/7/91 Ch. 7 Treatment of Anxiety Disorders
- 10/9/91 Ch. 6 Somatoform and Dissociative Disorders
- 10/16/91 OPTIONAL MIDTERM #1
- 10/18/91 Ch. 8 Depressive Disorders: Symptoms and Issues
- 10/21/91 Ch. 9 Depressive Disorders: Explanations
- 10/23/91 Ch. 10 Bipolar Disorder and Suicide
- 10/25/91 Ch. 11 Treatment of Mood Disorders
- 10/28/91 Ch. 12 Schizophrenia: Symptoms and Issues
- 10/30/91 Ch. 13 Schizophrenia: Psychodynamic and Learning Explanations
- 11/1/91 Ch. 14 Schizophrenia: Cognitive and Physiological Explanations
- 11/4/91 Ch. 15 Treatment of Schizophrenia
- 11/6/91 Ch. 16 Personality Disorders
- 11/11/91 OPTIONAL MIDTERM #2
- 11/13/91 Ch. 17 Disorders of Infancy, Childhood, and Adolescence
- 11/18/91 Ch. 18 Psychological Influences on Physical Disorders
- 11/20/91 Ch. 19 Substance Dependence and Abuse
- 11/22/91 Ch. 20 Sexual Disorders
- 11/25/91 Ch. 21 Organic Mental Disorder and Mental Retardation
- 12/2/91 Ch. 22 Legal Issues
- 12/4/91 Ch. 23 Hospitalization, Community Care, and Prevention

Evaluation: Several sources could be used in deriving your course grade: (1) the final exam; (2) the optional midterms; (3) optional quiz/discussion group scores; and an (4) optional course project

(1) The final will cover the ENTIRE course and will be aimed at assessing your comprehension of the ideas presented in the lecture, films, and the text. Date: Monday, December 9 at 3:15.

(2) The optional midterms will be offered on Wednesday, October 16 and Monday, November 11. Since these are optional, NO make-ups will be given.

(3) Optional discussion groups will meet weekly on Wednesdays at 11:30 or 1:30 or on Thursday at 12:30. The groups will be formed during the first week of class on a sign-up basis. Weekly quizzes will be given in these groups and the points will be cumulative. One person will act as group facilitator and quiz giver and will meet with the instructor every Thursday at 11:00 to keep the groups coordinated, clarify expectations, and to give the instructor feedback about class presentations. NOTE: Don't elect the group discussion/quiz option unless you are confident you can be present and active at every group meeting. First group meetings are October 2nd or 3rd, depending on the group you are assigned to. You will be graded on both the quality of your group participation and on the cumulative quiz points.

(4) The optional course project entails a class presentation, bringing in a guest speaker, or organizing some other activity that would enhance the educational experience of all class members. (Proposals must be submitted to the instructor for consideration ahead of class time).

WEIGHTING OF SOURCES (you choose):

If you do none of the optional activities, the final exam will constitute 100% of your grade. If you do all the activities, the midterm #1 = 20%, midterm #2 = 20%, Discussion/quiz groups = 20%, and the final = 20%. The other weightings can be easily calculated by knowing that no activity, except the final, will count for more than 20% of your course grade.

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