

TEXT: Ronald Comer, Abnormal Psychology. Freeman & Co., 1992.

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:

Mar. 29	Ch. 1 and 2	History and Models of Psychological Abnormality
Mar. 31	Ch. 3 and 4	Research and Clinical Assessment, Interpretation & Diagnosis
Apr. 2	Ch. 5	Treatments for Abnormal Psychological Functioning
Apr. 5	Ch. 6	Anxiety Disorders
Apr. 7	Ch. 7	Treatments for Anxiety Disorders
Apr. 12	Ch. 18	Dissociative Disorders
Apr. 16	Ch. 11	Psychological Factors and Physical Disorders
Apr. 21	Ch. 13	Substance Abuse Disorders
Apr. 23	OPTIONAL MIDTERM #1	
Apr. 26	Ch. 19	Problems of Childhood and Adolescence
Apr. 30	Ch. 12	Eating Disorders
May 3	Ch. 17	Personality Disorders
May 5	Ch. 8	Mood Disorders
May 10	Ch. 9	Treatment for Mood Disorders
May 12	Ch. 10	Suicide
May 14	OPTIONAL MIDTERM #2	
May 17	Ch. 15	Schizophrenia
May 21	Ch. 16	Treatment for Schizophrenia
May 26	Ch. 14	Sexual Disorders
May 28	Ch. 20	Problems of Aging
June 2	Ch. 21	Law, Society, and the Mental Health Profession

Evaluation: Several sources could be used in deriving your course grade: (1) the final exam; (2) the optional midterms; (3) the quiz/discussion groups; and (4) an 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: Thursday, June 10, at 10:15.

(2) The optional midterms will be offered on April 23 and May 14. Since these are optional, NO MAKE-UPS will be given.

(3) Optional weekly quiz/discussion groups will meet Wednesdays at 10:30 and at 12:30 and on Thursdays at 11:30 (choose one). Sign-up sheets will be available Wednesday, March 31; groups will begin the following week. Weekly quizzes will be given in these groups and the points will be cumulative. You will be graded on the quality of your group participation and on the cumulative quiz points. One person will act as group facilitator and will meet with the instructor every Thursday from 12:30-1:20 to keep the groups coordinated, clarify expectations, and to give the instructor feedback about class presentations. **NOTE: Do not elect the group discussion/quiz option unless you are confident you can be present and active at every group meeting.**

(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 all the activities, midterm #1 = 20%, midterm #2 = 20%, discussion/quiz group = 20%, course project = 20%, and the final = 20%. If you do none of the optional activities, the final exam will constitute 100% of your grade. If you take the two midterms and the final but do not do the optional discussion group nor the optional project, the final will count 60% of your grade and each of the midterms will count 20%. Other weightings can easily be calculated by knowing that no activity, except the final, will count for more than 20% of your course grade.

To receive graduate credit for this course, in addition to the above, you will need to write a series of "one minute papers." Using the last minute of classtime, you will jot down your spontaneous responses to the following two questions, "What was the most important concept or personal learning in today's class?" and "What is still missing or still confusing to you about today's topic?" These will be handed in as you leave the classroom on each of the designated days.

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