

Abnormal Psychology

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Course Overview

This course will review assessment, diagnosis and treatment of psychopathology from psychological, biological, and sociocultural perspectives. Because the universe of material is beyond the scope of this course, we will focus on the major mental disorders including disorders of mood, psychotic states, anxiety, personality disorders and substance abuse and dependency. Other less pervasive disorders will be discussed as time allows, e.g., eating disorders, sexual disorders, etc. Some disorders will not be discussed in class; however, you will be assigned readings in your text and subsequently tested about this information. **Please note that you are held responsible for ALL information presented by the text (which includes disorders that will not be discussed in class) as well as readings assigned in class, speakers and films.**

Readings: Fundamentals of Abnormal Psychology by Ronald J. Comer. W.H. Freeman and Company 1996. This text is available at the University of Oregon Bookstore.

Requirements: Each student is required to complete two midterm exams as well as a cumulative final that will be administered on Monday, June 9, 1997 from 10:15 am - 12:15 pm. If you are taking this course for graduate credit you must talk with Dr. Hamilton by April 15, 1997.

Grades: Midterm exams are each worth 50 points while the final exam will be worth 100 points.

Make-up Exams: Make-up exams will not be given unless there is a documented legal or medical excuse on professional stationery. Dr. Hamilton reserves the right to verify all excuses by telephone. Students in this situation will take an essay exam. Although the same grading standards will be applied to essay exams, please be aware that the equating of standards is necessarily subjective.

Incompletes: In accordance with university policy, incompletes will not be given unless a contract is negotiated and submitted to the instructor prior to the last day of class. Otherwise, completed work will constitute the total points (even though there is missing work), and will likely result in a less than passing grade.

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Please Note: This schedule is subject to change. Any changes will be announced in class. If you are not in class, it is your responsibility to find out if exam dates or reading assignments have changed.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Lecture:</u>	<u>Reading:</u>
	Note: Please include Chapter 17 in your readings in addition to the following:	
3/31/97	History of Psychopathology	Chapter 1
4/2/97	Research Methods in Psychopathology	Chapter 1
4/4/97	Assessment of Psychopathology	Chapter 2
4/7/97	Assessment of Psychopathology	Chapter 2
4/9/97	Diagnosis, DSM-IV and Prognosis	Chapter 2
4/11/97	Etiology & Treatment: Models of Psychopathology	Chapter 3
4/14/97	Etiology & Treatment: Models of Psychopathology	Chapter 3
4/16/97	Etiology & Treatment: Models of Psychopathology	Chapter 4
4/18/97	Etiology & Treatment: Models of Psychopathology	Chapter 4
4/21/97	Exam I - Includes Chapters 1-4, 17 and all lecture material	
	Note: Please include Chapters 8 and 14 in your readings in addition to the following:	
4/23/97	Anxiety Disorders & Treatment	Chapter 5
4/25/97	Anxiety Disorders & Treatment	Chapter 5
4/28/97	Anxiety Disorders & Treatment	Chapter 6
4/30/97	Mood Disorders & Treatment	Chapter 7
5/2/97	Mood Disorders & Treatment	Chapter 7
5/5/97	Mood Disorders & Treatment	Chapter 7
5/7/97	Evolutionary Psychiatry	
5/9/97	Schizophrenia & Related Disorders	Chapter 13
5/12/97	Schizophrenia & Related Disorders	Chapter 13
5/14/97	Exam II - Includes Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8, 13 and 14 and all lecture material	

Note: Please include Chapter 15 in your readings in addition to the following:

5/16/97	Suicide and Related Issues	Chapter 12
5/19/97	Clinical Psychopharmacology	
5/21/97	Substance - Related Disorders and Treatment	Chapter 11
5/23/97	Substance - Related Disorders and Treatment	Chapter 11
5/26/97	No School - Memorial Day	
5/28/97	Sexual Disorders & Treatment	Chapter 9
5/30/97	Gender Identity Disorder and Treatment	Chapter 9
6/2/97	Eating Disorders	Chapter 10
6/4/97	Personality Disorders	Chapter 16
6/6/97	Personality Disorders	Chapter 16

FINAL EXAM: MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1997 AT 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM. The final will include all material covered in your readings and in lecture with emphasis on the final third of the syllabus.