

SYLLABUS

Psychology 350
 Abnormal Psychology
 Fall 2008
 LS 248 MWF 8:00 - 8:50

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Course Description: The goal of this course is to acquaint you with the major psychopathological categories and theoretical explanations for abnormal behavior. I will present a series of lectures and videos providing an overview of these categories and theories. There will be material presented in class which will not be in your textbook, so it will be important to attend class and take notes. The following textbook has been assigned.

Nevid, J., Rathus, S., & Greene, V. (2008) Abnormal Psychology in a Changing World 7th Edition, Pearson Education, New Jersey.

There is a required student packet, which includes terminology and lecture outlines.

Grades will be computed as follows: There will be two in-class midterms, each worth 100 points. There will be a comprehensive final (worth 200 points). The final and the midterms will include a combination of true/false, multiple choice, and short-answer questions, and will include material from both lectures and the assigned text. Extra credit assignments may be given in class at my discretion. Grading is as follows:

370-400 = A
 355-369 = A-
 345-354 = B+
 315-344 = B
 305-314 = B-
 295-304 = C+
 265-294 = C
 255-264 = C-
 240-254 = D
 <240 = F

Week		Reading
1	9/3 Introduction and class requirements	
	9/5 What is "abnormal?"	Chap. 1
2	9/8 Research methods	Chap. 1
For the next several lectures, please read the appropriate sections of Chapters 2, 3, and 4.		
	9/10 Classification systems Law and ethics	Chap. 16
	9/12 Biological theories, assessment, and treatment	
3	9/15 Stress and health	Chap. 5
	9/17-19 Psychoanalytic theory, assessment, and treatment	
4	9/22-26 Psychodynamic theories	
5	9/29-10/1 Phenomenological theories, assessment, and treatment	
	10/3 Review	
6	10/6 Midterm #1	
	10/8-10 Behavioral theory, assessment, and treatment	
7	10/13-15 Cognitive theory, assessment, and treatment	
	10/17 Integrative theory	
8	10/20-22 Anxiety disorders	Chap. 6
	10/24 Mood disorders	Chap. 8
9	10/27 Mood disorders	
	10/29-31 Substance abuse disorders, impulse control disorders	Chap. 9, 13 (pg. 465-469)
	10/31 Review	

10	11/3	Midterm #2	
	11/5	Eating disorders, sleep disorders	Chap. 10
	11/7	Gender identity disorder, sexual disorders	Chap. 11
11	11/10-12	Dissociative and somatoform disorders	Chap. 7
	11/14	Psychotic disorders	Chap. 12
12	11/17	Psychotic disorders	
	11/19-21	Personality disorders	Chap. 13
13	11/24-26	Childhood disorders	Chap. 14
	11/28	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	
14	12/1	Aging	Chap. 15
	12/3-5	Video review of all theories	
15	12/8-10	Review	
	12/12	Q & A session	

FINAL 12/15/08 8:00-10:00