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Department of Psychology
Psychology 385 (L02) - Abnormal Psychology
Fall 2009

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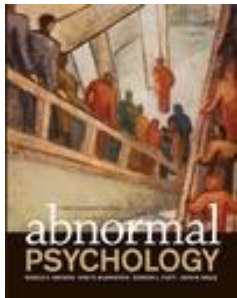
Course Description and Goals

This course is an introduction to psychopathology, which encompasses etiology (cause), assessment (measurement), diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of **adult** psychological disorders. Anxiety and mood disorders, schizophrenia, eating disorders, substance-related disorders, stress and psychophysiological disorders, conversion and dissociative disorders, personality disorders, and sexual and gender identity disorders will be covered. In addition, history and theory of abnormal behavior, and legal and other contemporary issues will be covered. Case studies will frequently be used to capture the individual presentation of each disorder. The format of the class will be predominantly lectures, with class discussion and audio-visual aids.

Prerequisites

Psychology 205 – Principles of Psychology

Required Text



Davison, G.C., Blankstein, K.R., Flett, G.L., & Neale, J.M. (2008).
Abnormal Psychology: Third Canadian Edition. John Wiley & Sons
Canada, Ltd.

*A study guide has also been made available in the University Bookstore.
The study guide is not a required text. It is up to the student to decide if
such a learning aid will be of any use.*

Class outlines will be made available on blackboard. The outlines do not include detailed information. They are intended to assist you in organizing and understanding the material that is presented in class. Class outlines are not a substitute for class attendance. If a class is missed, borrow notes from a classmate.

Evaluation

Your final grade will consist of two in-class tests and one final exam (each worth 33.33% of the final grade). You will have 75 minutes to complete each in-class test, and two hours for the final exam. All tests and the final exam are non-cumulative and multiple-choice, based on both the textbook AND class lecture material covered during that portion of the course (see Tentative Lecture Schedule section on this outline). You are responsible for knowing assigned readings and material covered in class (including video presentations).

Grading Scale

A+	96-100%	B+	80-84%	C+	67-71%	D+	54-58%
A	90-95%	B	76-79%	C	63-66%	D	50-53%
A-	85-89%	B-	72-75%	C-	59-62%	F	0-49%

As stated in the University Calendar, it is at the instructor’s discretion to round off either upward or downward to determine a final grade when the average of term work and final examinations is between two letter grades. To determine final letter grades, final percentage grades will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole percentage (i.e., 89.5% will be rounded up to 90% = A; 89.4% will be rounded down to 89% = A-, etc.).

Tentative Lecture Schedule

DATE	TOPIC	CHAPTER
Sept 8	Introduction to Abnormal Psych	1
Sept 10	Classification & Diagnosis	3
Sept 15, 17	Theoretical Paradigms	2
Sept 18	<i>Last day to drop a course with no W grade and tuition refund.</i>	
Sept 22	<i>Last day for registration/change of registration.</i>	
Sept 22	Assessment	4
Sept 24	Research Methods	5
Sept 29, Oct 1	Anxiety Disorders	6
Oct 6	EXAM #1 (33.3% of grade)	
Oct 8, 13	Mood Disorders	10
Oct 15, 20	Health Psychology	8
Oct 22	Somatoform and Dissociative Disorders	7
Oct 27, 29	Eating Disorders	9
Nov 3, 5	Substance Use Disorders	12
Nov 10	EXAM #2 (33.3% of grade)	

Nov 12	Reading Week – No Class	
Nov 17, 19	Schizophrenia	11
Nov 24	Personality Disorders	13
Nov 26	Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders	14
Dec 1, 3	Therapy	17
Dec 7	<i>* Last day to allocate research credits</i>	
Dec 8	Legal and Ethical Issues	18
Dec 8	<i>*Last day to withdraw</i>	
TBA: Dec 11-21	FINAL EXAM (33.3% of grade)	

Reappraisal of Grades

A student who feels that a piece of graded term work (e.g., term paper, essay, test) has been unfairly graded, may have the work re-graded as follows. The student shall discuss the work with the instructor within 15 days of being notified about the mark or of the item's return to the class. If not satisfied, the student shall immediately take the matter to the Head of the department offering the course, who will arrange for a reassessment of the work within the next 15 days. The reappraisal of term work may cause the grade to be raised, lowered, or to remain the same. If the student is not satisfied with the decision and wishes to appeal, the student shall address a letter of appeal to the Dean of the faculty offering the course within 15 days of the unfavourable decision. In the letter, the student must clearly and fully state the decision being appealed, the grounds for appeal, and the remedies being sought, along with any special circumstances that warrant an appeal of the reappraisal. The student should include as much written documentation as possible.

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. Consequently, plagiarism or cheating on any assignment is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense. Students should examine sections of the University Calendar that present a Statement of Intellectual honesty and definitions and penalties associated with Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct.

Academic Accommodation

It is a student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a disability who may require academic accommodation and **have not** registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237 (drc@ucalgary.ca). Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than 14 days after the start of this course.

Absence from a Test

Make-up exams are NOT an option without an official University medical excuse (see the University Calendar). A completed Physician/Counselor Statement will be required to confirm absence from a test for health reasons. The student will be required to pay any cost associated

with the Physician Counselor/Statement. You must contact the instructor before the scheduled examination or you will have forfeited any right to make up the exam. At the instructor's discretion, a make-up exam may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from a regularly scheduled exam. Except in extenuating circumstances (documented by an official University medical excuse), a makeup exam is written within two (2) weeks of the missed exam.

Course Credits for Research Participation (Max 2% of final grade)

Students in most psychology courses are eligible to participate in Departmentally-approved research and earn credits toward their final grades. A maximum of two credits (2%) per course, including this course, may be applied to an individual's final grade. The demand for timeslots may exceed the supply in a given term. Thus, students are not guaranteed that there will be enough studies available to them to meet their credit requirements. Students should seek studies early in the term and should frequently check for open timeslots. Students can create an account and participate in Departmentally-approved research studies at <http://ucalgary.sona-systems.com>. The last day to participate in studies and to assign or reassign earned credits to courses is **Dec 7th, 2009**.

Student Organizations

Psychology students may wish to join the Psychology Undergraduate Students' Association (PSYCHS). They are located in Administration 170 and may be contacted at 220-5567.

Student Union VP Academic: Phone: 220-3911 suypaca@ucalgary.ca
Student Union Faculty Rep.: Phone: 220-3913 socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course and **still receive a fee refund** is **Sept 18th, 2009**. The last day to withdraw from this course is **Dec 8th, 2009**.