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Psychology 2220: Abnormal Psychology

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Tuesday & Thursday, 10:05 to 11:25

Hallet Hall H273

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***Prerequisite:*** PSY [1101](file:///E:\psy_1101_top.asp)/[1102](file:///E:\psy_1102_top.asp)

***Goals of the Course****:* In this course we will evaluate conceptions of abnormal behaviour including the definitions and classifications of abnormal behavior. You will be able to distinguish between various conceptions of normality and defend one as being most appropriate. We will examine several models used to explain maladaptive behaviours. You will be able to describe several anxiety related disorders and explain several theories as to their cause and cure. You will be able to describe dissociative and somatoform disorders and explain their cause and cure. Likewise you will be able to describe a host of symptoms defining the affective disorders as well as schizophrenia and explain several theories that explain the development of these behaviours. For schizophrenia, in particular, you will be able to identify medical treatments and describe their effects on the behaviours involved. In addition to discussing the symptoms and causes of these behaviours we will consider some common forms of therapeutic intervention. You will be able to evaluate these interventions based on both a theoretical and empirical standpoint.

***Classes and Assignments****:* This seminar format class will be a combination of lecture and discussion format. Often the lectures will be in the form of short videos which you will consume at your leisure. Most weeks we will meet online the Tuesday and introduce the topic and answer any questions you have based on your readings. Some weeks it may make more sense to meet on the Thursday and I will let you know each week when we will meet. I hope you will think critically about the topics we cover and that you will feel free to raise questions and comment on what you study. You will be required to prepare and submit a short [weekly assignment](file:///E:\FAQ%20pages\Weekly%20Assignments.asp) based on the readings for the week. The details of this weekly assignment are outlined below. You will also be preparing a [research project](file:///E:\2220%20assignments\2220%20Term%20project.asp) in the form of a written paper. You should discuss potential topics with me as early in the term as possible so as to allow time to do a thorough job. I hope that you all can easily find of a topic of interest to you but if you cannot please see me and we can discuss possible topics for you. In addition to submitting a research paper, you will be presenting the product of your research to the class towards the end of the term. You will have a midterm exam as well as a final exam. You are expected to attend all lectures and complete all assignments in a timely fashion. Should there be a problem with those expectations please see me to arrange an alternative way to satisfy your obligations.

***Textbook****:* [Sue, Sue, Sue, and Sue, (2016) Understanding Abnormal Behavior (11th ed) Wadsworth,](http://college.hmco.com/psychology/sue/abnormal/8e/students/index.html) Cengage Learning

***Grading****:* Grades will be based on your weekly assignments and class participation, term paper, plus a midterm and final exam. I reserve the right to deduct grade points for unexcused late work.

15% [Weekly assignments](file:///E:\FAQ%20pages\Weekly%20Assignments.asp)/class participation

30 % [Term Paper/presentation](file:///E:\2220%20assignments\2220%20Term%20project.asp)

25 % Midterm Exam

30 % Final Exam

***Weekly Assignment****:* ***Due each Tuesday:***

Each week we will read at least one chapter of the text plus occasional supplementary materials. To help prepare you for our tutorial discussion of the material I ask that you do the following short assignment. This assignment should not take much of your time as each point should only be a sentence or two. It can even be handwritten but I suggest you make a copy for yourself as not all of these assignments may be returned. PLEASE SUBMIT THESE BEFORE WE DISCUSS THE TOPIC IN CLASS.

1. Identify ONE major claim and evaluate the kind of evidence used to support it?

2. Briefly describe one example from your own experience or someone you know that

is relevant for the topic in this chapter.

3. Identify one thing you **agree** with about either the theories outlined or the

use of the evidence to support them? Be specific.

4. Identify one thing you **disagree** with about either the theories outlined or the

use of the evidence to support them? Be specific

5. Identify at least one thing that surprised you in this reading.

6. Ask one good question about the chapter.

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**SYLLABUS**

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| ***Date*** | ***Topic*** | ***Readings*** |
| **Jan 18** | Introduction |  |
| **Jan 20** | Introduction and overview of course; Methodological issues | Chapters 1 & 4 |
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| **Jan 25-27** | Models of Abnormal Psychology | Chapter 2 |
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| **Feb 01-03** | Classification | Chapter 3 |
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| **Feb 08-10** | Anxiety disorders and Obsessive Compulsive Spectrum Disorders | Chapter 5 |
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| **Feb 15-17** | Dissociative disorders; Somatoform disorders | Chapter 7 |
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| **Feb 22-24** | Affective disorders | Chapter 8 |
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| **Mar 01** | ***Midterm Exam*** |  |
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| **Mar 07-11** | SPRING BREAK |  |
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| **Mar 15-17** | Schizophrenia; | Chapter 12 |
| **Mar 22-24** | Schizophrenia; | Chapter 12 |
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| **Mar 28-30** | Substance Related Disorders | Chapter 11 |
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| **Apr 05-07** | Personality Psychopathology | Chapter 15 |
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| **Apr 12-14** | Therapy and Ethical Issues | Chapter 17 |
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| **Apr 19-21** | Class Presentations |  |
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| **Apr 26-28** | Summary / ***Term Papers due*** |  |
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| **May** | ***Final Exam*** |  |