PSYCHOLOGY 014
Abnormal Psychology
COURSE SYLLABUS
Los Angeles Mission College
Fall 2013

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Class Days & Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 10:35 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – 3 Units – Section #0427
Class Location: INST-1001

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course examines the definition, causes, and treatment of behaviors which are considered abnormal through assessment and diagnosis utilizing the DSM-IV. Topics covered include the history of abnormal psychology, classifications, clinical frameworks, possible causal factors and treatment of mental disorders.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME (SLO):
1. Describe the criteria used to define abnormal behavior.
2. Discuss contemporary theories: biological, psychodynamic, learning theory, cognitive, humanistic, and sociocultural.
3. Discuss two methods used to conduct research in abnormal psychology.
4. Identify the DSM-IV Multiaxial System.

WEEK	**DATE**	**ASSIGNED CHAPTER(S) and/or CLASS EXERCISES:** (Subject to Change)
1	08/26/13	Read Chapter: 1 – Abnormal Behavior
2	**09/02/13**	**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (No Class Mon; Class will meet on Wed 9/4)**
3	09/09/13	Read Chapter: 2 – Models of Abnormal Behavior
4	09/16/13	Read Chapter: 3 – Assessment and Classification of Abnormal Behavior
5	09/23/13	Read Chapter: 4 – The Scientific Method in Abnormal Psychology ***TEST #1*** *Test #1 will cover Chapters 1, 2, and 3*
6	10/07/13	Read Chapter: 5 – Anxiety Disorders
7	10/14/13	Read Chapter: 6 – Dissociative Disorders and Somatoform Disorders
8	10/21/13	Read Chapter: 7 – Stress Disorders
9	10/21/13	Read Chapter: 8 – Personality Disorders ***TEST #2*** *Test #2 will cover Chapters 4, 5, and 6*
10	10/28/13	Read Chapter: 9 – Substance-Related Disorders
11	11/04/13	Read Chapter: 11 – Mood Disorders
12	**11/11/13**	**VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY (No Class Mon; Class meets on Wed 11/13)**
13	11/18/13	Read Chapter: 12 - Suicide ***TEST #3*** *Test #3 will cover Chapters 7, 8, 9, and 11*
14	11/25/13	Read Chapter: 13 - Schizophrenia
15	12/02/13	Read Chapter: 15 – Disorders of Childhood and Adolescence

WEEK	DATE	ASSIGNED CHAPTER(S) and/or CLASS EXERCISES: (Subject to Change)
16	12/11/13	***FINAL EXAMINATION***

FINAL EXAMINATION TIME IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013 FROM 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
Final Examination will be Comprehensive

TEXT BOOK: Sue, D., Sue, D.W., & Sue, S. (2010).
Understanding Abnormal Behavior, Ninth Edition.
Wadsworth, Cengage Learning Publishers.

SUGGESTED READINGS: ***Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders***, Fourth Edition.
American Psychiatric Association. (1994).

American Psychological Association Publication Manual, Sixth Edition., (2009).

ASSIGNED READINGS and CLASS EXERCISES:
Each student is responsible for all assigned readings whether discussed in class or not. Test questions may be taken from assigned readings, which may not have been discussed in class. Also, various handouts will be distributed throughout the semester in conjunction with various topics and will be discussed in class. These materials may also be included in test questions and final examination questions. It is each student's responsibility to be prepared to discuss various assigned readings and class material. Each student will be required to participate in various class exercises. Audio/video recording of class lectures ***is not*** permitted. Use of electronic devices ***is not*** permitted. ***Texting*** and/or cell phone use ***is not*** permitted in class.

RESEARCH PROJECT:
The Research Project will consist of a typed, APA format, six (6) to ten (10) page research paper. The research paper will account for 30% of your grade (300 total points). See Rubric on my LAMC webpage. Plagiarism Policy: Plagiarism can lead to failure and disciplinary action.

TESTS:
The testing series will consist of three (3) examinations and a one (1) final examination. Each test will consist of fifty (50) multiple choice questions worth two (2) points each for a total of one-hundred (100) points per test. The final examination will consist of fifty (50) multiple choice questions worth six (6) points each for a total of three-hundred (300) points. If a scheduled test is missed, the test ***cannot*** be made-up.

ATTENDANCE:
Attendance to all scheduled sessions is mandatory. Any absences ***must*** be discussed with instructor, prior to the absence, in order to make up the work and/or be excused. Repeated absences and/or tardiness may lead to a drop of one (1) full letter grade and/or automatic exclusion. *A new state policy in effect as of Summer 2012 limits students to* ***3 attempts per course***. *Receiving a grade or "W" for a course counts as an attempt,* ***regardless of when the course was taken***. Our Fall 2013 schedule of classes states that the drop deadline for full length (16-week) classes is Sunday, September 8, 2013 and classes must be dropped ONLINE ONLY.
Sunday, September 8, 2013: Drop classes without receiving a "W" with refund.
Drop classes with a "W" – Letter grade is required after this date and forward – November 17, 2013.

Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSP&S): is located in Instructional Building room 1018. If you need DSPS services, please call for an appointment with our DSP&S Counselors.

FINAL GRADE:
Your final grade will be calculated based on the following:

Final Examination	30%	300 total points
Research Project	30%	300 total points
Tests	30%	300 total points
Attendance	10%	100 total points