

**PSYCHOLOGY 14**  
Abnormal Psychology  
COURSE SYLLABUS

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**Class Day and Hours:** Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. to 10:10 p.m. – 3 Units – Section #3334  
**Class Location:** INST-1002

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course examines the definition, possible causes and treatments of behaviors which are considered dysfunctional and/or abnormal.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Student will be able to identify facts about psychopathology. Student will be able to describe the major diagnostic categories in the DSM-IV, compare/contrast the major theories of causation, and compare/contrast the major treatment approaches.

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<td>Read Chapter: 1 – Abnormal Psychology: An Overview</td>
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<td>Read Chapter: 2 – Historical &amp; Contemporary Views of Abnormal Behavior (Pages 40-54)</td>
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<td>Read Chapter: 3 – Causal Factors and Viewpoints</td>
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*TEST #1*  
(Test #1 will cover Chaps 1, 2, & 3 and will be held on 9/28/05) |
| 5    | 10/05/05 | Read Chapter: 4 – Clinical Assessment |
| 6    | 10/12/05 | Read Chapter: 4 - Clinical Assessment (Continued) |
| 7    | 10/19/05 | Read Chapter: 6 – Panic, Anxiety, and Their Disorders |
| 8    | 10/26/05 | Read Chapter: 7 – Mood Disorders and Suicide  
*TEST #2*  
(Test #2 will cover Chaps 4, 6, & 7 and will be held on 10/26/05) |
| 9    | 11/02/05 | Read Chapter: 8 – Somatoform and Dissociative Disorders |
| 10   | 11/09/05 | Read Chapter: 9 – Eating Disorders and Obesity |
| 11   | 11/16/05 | Read Chapter: 11 – Personality Disorders |
| 12   | 11/23/05 | Read Chapter: 11 – Personality Disorders (Continued)  
*TEST #3*  
(Test #3 will cover Chaps 8, 9, & 11 & and will be held on 11/23/05) |
| 13   | 11/30/05 | Read Chapter: 12 – Substance-Related Disorders |
| 14   | 12/07/05 | Read Chapter: 14 – Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders |
WEEK       DATE       ASSIGNED CHAPTER(S) and/or CLASS EXERCISES:  
(All dates are approximations)  
15  12/14/05  Read Chapter:  16 – Disorders of Childhood and Adolescence  
16  12/21/05  ***FINAL EXAMINATION on Chapters 12, 14, & 16***  

Pearson/Allyn & Bacon, Publishers.  

SUGGESTED READINGS:  Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition.  
Mastering APA Style.  Student Version.  Fifth Edition  
This is a self-guided workbook for learning APA style writing.  

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.  

TESTS:  
The testing series will consist of three (3) tests 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  
scheduled test is missed, the test cannot be made-up.  

RESEARCH PAPER:  
A five (5) to seven (7) page, typed, APA style research paper (including abstract) on a topic to be arranged with the  
Instructor is due on 11/30/05.  Research paper must include an APA style bibliography with a minimum of three (3)  
psychological references.  Research paper will constitute 30% of your overall grade.  

FIELD TRIP:  
Subject to time and availability.  

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.  Repeated absences may lead to a drop of one (1) full letter grade and/or automatic  
exclusion.  ALL MAKE UP ASSIGNMENTS, IF APPLICABLE, MUST BE APPROVED BY THE INSTRUCTOR.  
Attendance will make up ten percent (10%) of your total grade.  

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

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