

Psychology 347 Psychopathology Summer 2008 Session II

Days: M - Th

Time: 10:15 – 12:20

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Text

Durand, M.V. & Barlow, D.H. (2006). Essentials of Abnormal Psychology, 4th Edition. Belmont, CA: Thompson/Wadsworth.

Course Description

As you walk down the street you avoid the young woman pacing near the bus stop screaming at apparently no-one. For six weeks during the winter you can't seem to get yourself out of bed, you cry for no reason and all pleasure seems to be gone. You are shocked to hear that your good friend has been drugging women at bars and parties just to have sex with them..... One specialty within the profession of psychology attempts to understand all of these behaviors, that is, the science of psychopathology.

Psychopathology is the science of abnormal behavior and psychological/psychiatric disorders. The purpose of this course is to introduce you to the science, symptoms and sequelae of psychopathology as well as introduce you to the treatment of behavioral disorders. The goal is to increase your understanding of yourself and others.

Course Requirements

Requirements for this course include:

1. Reading the assigned chapters (hopefully before the lecture)
2. Three multiple choice exams
3. 5 – 10 random in-class written reaction papers

Reaction Papers

You are required to write in-class reaction papers. These papers will be assigned on random days throughout the semester. The papers are designed to help you think critically about a topic and articulate your thoughts in writing.

Grading

Grades will be assigned based on test scores and reaction papers. Point totals are as follows:

1. Three 60 point exams.....180 points
 2. 5-10 5 point reaction papers.....25 - 50 points
- Total = 205 – 230 points

Your grade will be based on your final point total. **The highest point total obtained in the class will be the top of the scale.** Grades will be scaled off this total using the standard grade ranges. The grade ranges are as follows:

- 90% or greater = A range**
- 80% - 89% = B range**
- 70 – 79% = C range**
- 60 – 69% = D range**
- 59% and below = F range**

Schedule

June

- 24 Course Introduction
- 25 Chapter 1: Psychopathology: Historical Context
- 26 Chapter 2: Causes of Psychopathology

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July

- 1 Chapter 3: Assessment, Diagnosis and Research Methods
- 2 Chapter 4: Anxiety Disorders
- 3 Chapter 4: Anxiety Disorders

- 7 **Exam 1: 60 multiple choice questions**
- 8 Chapter 6: Mood Disorders
- 9 Chapter 8: Eating Disorders
- 10 Chapter 10: Substance Use Disorders

- 14 **Exam 2: 60 multiple choice questions**
- 15 Chapter 12: Schizophrenia I
- 16 Chapter 12: Schizophrenia II
- 17 Chapter 5: Somatoform and Dissociative Disorders I

- 21 Chapter 5: Somatoform and Dissociative Disorders II
- 22 Chapter 9: Sexual Dysfunctions and Gender Identity Disorder
- 23 Chapter 11: Personality Disorders I
- 24 Chapter 11: Personality Disorders II

- 25 **Final Exam: 60 questions (11 am Friday).**

Important Information

1. Although I do not take attendance, it is important to attend class. Enough test material comes from lecture material that missing lectures will influence your grade. In addition, reaction papers are assigned on a random basis. Missing more than two will significantly influence your grade.

2. Normally exams cannot be made-up. If you know in advance that you cannot make a certain test date, talk to me and we can schedule the test in advance. In certain emergency/bizarre circumstances tests can be made up if missed.

3. I am not normally a fan of cheating. Cheating will be dealt with based on UNCW policies. Please refer to your student handbook. Short version – cheaters fail the course.

4. The purpose of this class is to have **FUN** learning about yourself and others. Enjoy.