

Grande Prairie Regional College
Psychology 3390 (Section A3): Tuesday & Thursday 1:00-2:30
Abnormal Psychology
Winter Term January-April 2009

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Course Credit Hours: 3
Student Contact: 3 hours per week
Prerequisites: PY2330
Uni. Transfer: UA, UC, UL, AU, CU, CUC, KUC
Mode of Delivery: Lectures & VC

IMPORTANT: Please remember this is a senior level university course and you are a senior university student.

Textbooks:

- Butcher, J. N., Mineka, S., & Hooley, J. M. (2007). **Abnormal Psychology (13th Edition)**. Pearson Education Canada Inc., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Publication Manual of the APA will be on reserve in College Library

Course Description:

This course is intended to enable students to achieve deep understanding and broad perspective of mental disorders. The main focus of this course is on the psychological disorders, their assessment, diagnosis, etiology, and various treatment modalities. The approach used in this course is based on the principle that many disorders have complex etiology and require an equally complex treatment responses based on eclectic combinations of theories.

The content of this course includes some commonly known psychological disorders such as anxiety disorders, personality disorders, dissociative and somatoform disorders, Psychotic as well as mood disorders. In addition, disorders involving some violation of legal or social standards such as sexual disorders will be covered.

Additional Information:

1. The format of each exam will be discussed in class but they will not be comprehensive.
2. Exam grades are final and there is no substitute work for your poor exam grade.
3. The nature and topics of your written paper will discussed in class
4. It is your responsibility to read each and every chapter and assigned reading (if any) and attend all lectures.
5. Lectures will not always cover material in your chapters. Lectures may cover topics and include materials that are not covered by your textbook. It is therefore imperative that you attend every class as your exams may include materials from the lectures that are not covered by your textbook.
6. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. You should consult the section on cheating and plagiarism of current GPRC Calendar.

7. It is expected that students will display a professional attitude and behaviour. These attitudes and behaviours are many and will be discussed in class. Any violation or misconduct may result in dismissal from the class.

8. Talk to me if you have concerns or you are experiencing difficulties that may have negative impact on your academic performance.

Evaluations

Exam 1	Chapters	25%	February 10 th
Exam 2	Chapters	25%	March 10 th
Final Exam	Chapters	25%	Will be determined
Research Essay & Reflective Paper		25%	April 10 th

* The nature, scope, and depth of the written papers will be discussed in class.

* Remember, all exams may include questions from lectures that may not be covered by your textbook.

Grading System:

Please note that Universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**. This means **DO NOT GET LESS THAN “C-” IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO TRANSFER TO UNIVERSITY.**

A+	4.0	95-100
A	4.0	90-94
A-	3.7	85-89
B+	3.3	80-84
B	3.0	75-79
B-	2.7	70-74
C+	2.3	65-69
C	2.0	60-64
C-	1.7	55-59
D+	1.3	53-54
D	1.0	50-52
F	0.0	00-49

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*Please note that the dates and the sequence of chapters are tentative and may change.

The following topics will be covered:

Week 1	Chapter 1: Clinical Research, Classification and DSM
Week 2	Chapter 4: Clinical Assessment
Week 3	Chapter 2: Historical and Contemporary Views
Week 4	Chapter 11: Personality Disorders
Week 5	Chapter 7: Mood Disorders
Week 6	Chapter 14: Psychotic Disorders
Week 7	Chapter 8: Somatoform & Dissociative Disorders
Week 8	Chapter 13: Sexual Disorders
Week 9	Chapter 6: Panic & Anxiety Disorders
Week 10	Chapter 15: Cognitive Disorders
Week 11	Chapter 5: Stress & Adjustment Disorders
Week 12	Chapter 9: Eating Disorders
Week 13	Chapter 10: Health Problems & Behaviour