

Imperial Valley College
PSY 208 Abnormal Psychology
Spring 2016

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Class Times: Tues & Thur 8:00 a.m.-9:25 a.m. (CRN# 20785)
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Required Textbook: Abnormal Psychology Core Concepts (2nd Edition) James N. Butcher, Susan Mineka, Jill M. Hooley

Course Description: This course covers the major categories of mental disorders listed in the latest version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM). Draws upon important contributions from various disciplines and theoretical stances. Case studies and research-based explanations are examined. Controversial topics related to mental disorder are explored. (CSU, UC)

Student Learning Outcome (IVC): Upon completion of the course, students will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes as being demonstrated by being able to:

- 1. Compare and contrast the psychological perspectives on mental disorders. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO5)
- 2. Demonstrate an understanding of the major mental disorders' symptoms and causes. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO5)
- 3. Demonstrate an understanding of the varied treatments for major mental disorders.

Course Requirements:

Attendance and Class Participation

Attendance is a crucial part of this course. Students are expected to demonstrate their understanding of the assigned readings by actively participating in class discussion. Please schedule all appointments outside of class time. If for some reason you are absent, it is **your** responsibility to get class notes from a fellow student. Additionally, if you decide not to continue the course, it is **your** responsibility to drop the course on WEBSTAR by or before the drop date.

Thought Papers (3 @ 25pts)

There will be a total of four thought papers throughout the semester. This is a 1-2 page paper based on the readings and class material. Thought papers should address an interesting idea regarding a learned behavior from the text, class discussion, an article from the internet or magazine, movie and/or television show from your point of view. Please do not provide a review of the assigned reading but your own thoughts regarding the topic. The main focus of this assignment is for you to think critically about psychology and to begin exploring your ideas. You do not have to write what you think I would agree with, you just need to justify your ideas and statements with explanations.

Each paper is worth twenty-five points. All thought papers must be typed, in twelve point font, and double spaced. All papers are due at the beginning of class. **No late papers will be accepted nor will they be accepted via e-mail.**

Tests (3 @ 50pts)

There will be a total of four tests given throughout the semester. All tests will be multiple choice and are worth fifty points each. **Please make sure to bring a #2 pencil and scantron with you to class. No make-up exams will be given.**

**A make-up exam will only be allowed with a 48-hour prior notification and/or a documented proof of the emergency.

Write Up (1 @ 25pts)

This assignment will be discussed in further detail in class

In-Class/Homework Assignments (5 @ 10pts)

To be discussed further in class.

Grading:

Thought Papers	(3 x 25pts)	75pts
Tests	(3 x 50pts)	150pts
In-Class/		
HW Assignments	(5 x 10pts)	50pts
Write-Up	(1 x 25pts)	25pts

*****Total of 300pts*****

300-250 points	=	A
249-200 points	=	B
199-150 points	=	C
149-100points	=	D
99 & below	=	F

Classroom Etiquette:

Please turn your cell phones off or to "vibrate". Texting and answering your phone will not be allowed in class. Laptops and tablets will be allowed for note taking purposes only.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S):

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. Contact Info: (760) 355-6312, Room 2117

Student Counseling and Health Services

Mental health counseling and health services are available to students provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee. Counseling services are provided by licensed clinicians and interns at IVC Student Health Center located inside of the Health Science building. Contact Info: (760) 355-6310

Class Agenda

Date	Topic	Homework
Week 1 2/15-2/19	Introductions/Syllabus Chapter 1 & 2	Buy your Book for class Read Chapter 3
Week 2 2/22-2/26	Chapter 3 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 12
Week 3 2/29-3/4	Chapter 12 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 13
Week 4 3/7-3/11	Chapter 13 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #1 Study for Test (Ch.1-3, 12-13) Please, be on time!
Week 5 3/14-3/18	TEST (Ch. 1-3, 12-13) Turn in Thought Paper #1	Read Chapter 4
Week 6 3/21-3/25	Chapter 4 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 5
Week 7 3/28-4/1	NO CLASS SPRING BREAK	
Week 8 4/4-4/8	Chapter 5 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 6
Week 9 4/11-4/15	Chapter 6 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 7
Week 10 4/18-4/22	Chapter 7 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 9
Week 11 4/25-4/29	Chapter 9 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #2 Study for Test (Ch. 5-7 & 9)
Week 12 5/2-5/6	TEST (Ch. 5-7 & 9) Turn in Thought Paper #2	Read Chapter 8
Week 13 5/9-5/13	Chapter 8 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 10

Week 14 5/16-5/20	Chapter 10 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 11
Week 15 5/23-5/27	Chapters 11 In Class Assignment	Read Chapters 14 & 15
Week 16 5/30-6/3	Chapter 14 & 15 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #4 Study for Test/Final (Ch. 8, 10-11, 14-15)
Week 17 6/6-6/10	FINAL (Ch. 8, 10-11, 14-15) Turn In Thought Paper #4	Have a wonderful Break!! ☺