



Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2024	Instructor Name:	Robert Wyatt
Course Title & #:	PSY 208: Abnormal Psychology	Email:	Robert.wyatt@imperial.edu
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Classroom:	314	Office #:	1714
Class Dates:	Feb. 12 – June 7th	Office Hours:	12:00 – 1:00 pm (Mon – Thurs.)
Class Days:	Monday and Wednesdays	Office Phone #:	760 – 355 - 6491
Class Times:	9:40 – 11:05 am	Emergency Contact:	Alicia Arellano (760-355-6201)
Units:	3.0	Class Format/Modality:	In-Person

Course Description

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.

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

PSY 101, PSY 200 and PSY 142, - Twelfth grade reading level is highly recommended

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Compare and contrast the psychological perspectives on mental disorders.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the major mental disorders' symptoms and causes.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the varied treatments for major mental disorders.

Course Objectives

1. discuss the historical, theoretical, and methodological context for the study of abnormal behavior.
2. identify the major mental disorders and describe the symptoms, diagnosis, etiology and treatment of each.
3. provide examples of community and institutional intervention programs and discuss their effectiveness in dealing with mental disorder.
4. identify and discuss contemporary legal and ethical issues in abnormal psychology.
5. explain specific research methods and the ethical principles for the study and treatment of psychopathology.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Durand, Barlow & Hofmann. 2019. Essentials of Abnormal Psychology. 8 Cengage. ISBN: 978-1337619370



Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Although this course is conducted in-person, all coursework will be completed online. So, it is expected that all completed assignments are of the utmost quality. It is imperative that academic integrity is maintained, and any form of plagiarism is strictly prohibited. Discussion questions play a significant role in determining one's final grade. These questions are designed to prompt critical thinking and the application of textbook concepts to real-life experiences. Personal anecdotes are encouraged to demonstrate comprehension and application of the material.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

ASSIGNMENT	NUMBER	TOTAL POINTS
Tests	7	350

Late assignments will only be accepted in cases of medical emergencies, or you have given me an ample amount of time. An ample amount of time is equivalent to at least 7 days.

Academic Honesty (Artificial Intelligence -AI)

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Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

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Date & Week	Topic
Week 1 February 12 - 15	Chapter 1: ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT
Week 2 February 19 - 22	Chapter 2: AN INTEGRATIVE APPROACH TO PSYCHOPATHOLOGY
Week 3 February 26 - 29	Chapter 3: CLINICAL ASSESSMENT, DIAGNOSIS, AND RESEARCH IN PSYCHOPATHOLOGY
Week 4 March 04 - 07	Chapter 4: ANXIETY, TRAUMA- AND STRESSOR-RELATED, AND OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE AND RELATED DISORDERS

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Date & Week	Topic
<i>Week 5</i> March 11 - 14	Chapter 5: SOMATIC SYMPTOM AND RELATED DISORDERS AND DISSOCIATIVE DISORDERS
<i>Week 6</i> March 18 - 21	Chapter 6: MOOD DISORDERS AND SUICIDE
<i>Week 7</i> March 25 - 28	Chapter 7: PHYSICAL DISORDERS AND HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
<i>Week 8</i> April 01 - 04	NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK
<i>Week 9</i> April 08 - 11	Chapter 8: EATING AND SLEEP–WAKE DISORDERS
<i>Week 10</i> April 15 - 18	Chapter 9: SEXUAL DYSFUNCTIONS, PARAPHILIC DISORDERS, AND GENDER DYSPHORIA
<i>Week 11</i> April 22 – 25	Chapter 10: SUBSTANCE-RELATED, ADDICTIVE, AND IMPULSE-CONTROL DISORDERS
<i>Week 12</i> April 29 – May 2	Chapter 11: PERSONALITY DISORDERS
<i>Week 13</i> May 06 – 09	Chapter 12: SCHIZOPHRENIA SPECTRUM AND OTHER PSYCHOTIC DISORDERS
<i>Week 14</i> May 13 – 16	Chapter 13: NEURODEVELOPMENTAL AND NEUROCOGNITIVE DISORDERS
<i>Week 15</i> May 20 – 23	Chapter 13: NEURODEVELOPMENTAL AND NEUROCOGNITIVE DISORDERS
<i>Week 16</i> May 27 – 30	Chapter 14: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES
<i>Week 17</i> June 03 – 07	Chapter 14: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****