



PSYCH2AP3 SUMMER TERM 2017

ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY- FUNDAMENTALS AND MAJOR DISORDERS

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Office Hours: By appointment. Most questions can best be answered before or after lectures or via Avenue

Location: BSB B136

Classes: Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30-12:20 pm

Course objectives and content: In this course you will be introduced to the major themes in the field of Abnormal Psychology - the nature, causes of, and current treatments for psychopathology.

Required Text:

Barlow, Durand, Stewart & Lalumiere (2015) Abnormal Psychology: An Integrative Approach, 4th Cdn Ed. Nelson ISBN: 978-0 1765-3165-2

Emailing:

Please use only your McMaster email address when emailing. Other addresses often get spam filtered, and will never be read. Please do not send email directly from Avenue unless you set the "reply to" your McMaster email address.

ALSO: Please include 2AP3 in your subject line

Avenue: The course website is available to registered students by logging into Avenue <http://avenue.mcmaster.ca>. You will need to learn how to use Avenue to access the course content, announcements, and discussions. All PowerPoint slides from the lectures will be made available on Avenue. It is your responsibility to keep up to date with class announcements made on Avenue.

Students should be aware that, when they access the electronic components of this course, private information such as first and last names, user names for the McMaster e-mail accounts, and program affiliation may become apparent to all other students in the same course. The available information is dependent on the technology used. Continuation in this course will be deemed consent to this disclosure. If you have any questions or concerns about such disclosure, please discuss this with the course instructor.

Evaluation:

The assessment for this course will be based on two midterms, worth 30% each, plus a cumulative final worth 40%. All exams will be in multiple choice format.

All exams will be held in the regular classroom, at the start of the regular class time. You will have the first 60 minutes of the class period to complete each exam. Midterm 1 & 2 will be followed by lectures. Students will be responsible for all material covered in lectures, as well as the material in the textbook.

Summary:

2 x midterms: 30% + 30% = 60% (In class midterms: Wednesday, July 5th and Monday, July 24th)

1 x Cumulative Final: 40% (In class exam: Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017)

Missed Midterm or Exam:

If you miss one of the in-class tests for documented medical or compassionate reasons, you should complete a Missed Work form in the office of the Associate Dean (Studies) of your Faculty. Once your Associate Dean has accepted your reason for absence, the remaining in-class midterm exam and the final exam will be reweighted (40%, 60% respectively) to cover the missed in-class midterm exam.

An MSAF will not excuse you from either of the midterm tests in this course as they are worth 30% each.

Changes in course requirements: Details of the course requirements may be subject to change. If requirements are altered, a revised course outline will be posted on the webpage and announced in class. The instructor reserves the right to assign grade cutoffs.

Special Accommodations: If you require special accommodations, please contact the instructor so accommodations can be made.

Academic Integrity Policy: It is your responsibility to be aware of the University Academic Integrity Policy. Cases of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to: copying or the use of unauthorized aids in tests, examinations and laboratory reports; plagiarism, i.e., the submission of work that is not one's own; aiding and abetting another student's dishonesty giving false information for the purposes of gaining admission or credit; giving false information for the purposes of obtaining deferred examinations or extension of deadlines; and/or forging or falsifying McMaster University documents. Students who infringe on the resolutions of the University Academic Integrity policy will be treated according to the published policy.

Outline of Topics

Date	Topic	Chapter
June 19	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	1, 2
June 21	Anxiety Disorders	5
June 26	Anxiety Disorders	
June 28	Somatic Symptom and Dissociative Disorders	6
July 3 rd	Canada Day- No class	
July 5 th	Midterm 1/Mood Disorders	7
July 10 th	Mood Disorders	
July 12 th	Mood Disorders	
July 17 th	Schizophrenia	13
July 19 th	Schizophrenia	
July 24 th	Midterm 2/Neurodevelopmental Disorders	14
July 26 th		
July 31 st	Neurodevelopmental Disorders	
August 2 nd	Cumulative FINAL EXAM	

Grading Scale:

Midterm #1 = 30%

Midterm #2 = 30%

Final Exam = 40%

100-90 = A+ 79-77 = B+ 69-67 = C+ 59-57 = D+ 49-0 = F

89-85 = A 76-73 = B 66-63 = C 56-53 = D

84-80 = A- 72-70 = B- 62-60 = C- 52-50 = D-