

**Topics in Abnormal Behavior**  
**PSYC-4700-001**  
**Mon 1:30 – 4:30**  
**3M56**  
**Sept/2017**  
**Course Outline**

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**Course Description:**

This course is an advanced level seminar in abnormal psychology. The focus of the course will be on recent research related to theories, diagnosis, demographics, etiology and treatment of abnormal behavior in children and adults.

**Required Text:**

There is no specific required text for this course. However, students will be expected to make extensive use of the research literature.

**Course Requirements:**

**General Rules:** During the first class (Sept 11), you will be assigned a Disorder, presentation order, etc. Presentations will commence on Sept 18 (see schedule). All class members must present Topic 1 in week 2, Topic 2 in week 3, etc. Each presentation will be approx. 12 minutes.

**During each class students will be expected to:**

- 1) present to class their findings for the current topic
- 2) provide each class member a written summary of their Topic for that day (max. 1 single spaced double sided typed page with references). Note that the content of the written summaries for Topics 3-8 are to be written using full sentences and paragraphs (not point form). References must be properly cited in the text (numbers can be used) and with a complete reference list. The summaries are **not** to be merely a written version of your oral presentation. The summaries are designed to compliment your in class presentation. This will further be discussed in class.

Presentations (total 9) will be worth 4 marks each for a total 36 (**36 %** of final grade). Each seminar presentation will be graded as follows. 1) 2.5 marks for the content of the presentation and 2) 1.5 marks for the style of presentation, organization, etc. Summaries for each Topic (total of 9) will be worth 4 marks each for a total of 36 (**36 %** of final grade).

**Class Test:** There will be 1 test (see date below) covering summaries, seminars and class discussion material. The test will be made up of short essay questions and will be worth **13 %** of the final grade.

**Final Paper:** A written paper (**15 marks**, max 5 pages single spaced including references) detailing and explaining the Psychological Treatment of your Disorder will be due on Dec 8, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. This paper is to be submitted to me by e-mail (as an attachment and I will confirm receipt). Hence, your final grade is based on the total marks earned above.

## Tentative Schedule:

Week 1: Sept 11: Organization, Disorders assigned, problem solving, etc.

Week 2: Sept 18: Topic 1 presentations, Description of Diagnostic Features (DSM V)

Week 3: Sept 25: Topic 2 presentations, Description of Differential Diagnosis and Associated Features (DSM V)

Week 4: Oct 2: Topic 3 presentations, Prevalence, Incidence, Demographics

Week 5:           **Oct 9 : No class (Reading Week, Oct 9-13)**

Week 6: Oct 16: Topic 4 presentations, Biological I, (General Physiological Issues, Genetics, non CNS)

Week 7: Oct 23: Topic 5 presentations, Biological II, (CNS Issues, Brain Imaging, Neurochemistry)

Week 8: Oct 30: **Test # 1**

Week 9: Nov 6: Topic 6 presentations, Psychosocial and Environmental Issues.

Week 10: Nov 13: Topic 7 presentations, Biological treatments

Week 11: Nov 20: Topic 8 presentations, Psychological treatments

Week 12: Nov 27: Topic 9 presentations, “Top 10 list”

Week 13: Dec 4: Spare class if required, course evaluations

**Tentative Disorders:**

- 1) Autism Spectrum Disorders
- 2) Tic Disorders - Tourette's
- 3) ADHD
- 4) Opiate Use Disorder
- 5) Cannabis Use Disorder
- 6) Alcohol Use Disorder
- 7) Gambling Disorder
- 8) Major Depressive Disorder
- 9) Bipolar I Disorder
- 10) Panic Disorder
- 11) Social Anxiety Disorder
- 12) OCD
- 13) PTSD
- 14) GAD
- 15) Hoarding Disorder
- 16) Antisocial Personality Disorder
- 17) Narcissistic Personality Disorder
- 18) Borderline Personality Disorder
- 19) DID
- 20) Obesity
- 21) Anorexia Nervosa
- 22) Schizophrenia
- 23) Gender Dysphoria
- 24) Conversion Disorder
- 25) Body Dysmorphic Disorder
- 26) Insomnia Disorder
- 27) Narcolepsy

**N.B. There will be no “make-ups” for tests or seminars.** However in extreme cases (i.e. death in the family or extreme illness validated by a doctor), please contact me for alternative arrangements. **Failure to write tests, present your seminars, or handout summaries on time may result in a reduction of marks up to the total amount that each assignment is worth.**

**Attendance: It is expected that all students attend all seminar presentations, not only because you are an Honours student interested in the topics but also to show support for your classmates**

**Example of Grading:**

Test 1	11/13
Final Paper	11/15
Seminar presentations	29/36
Summaries	30/36
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Letter Grade: B+	81/100

Letter Grade Equivalents:

A +	95 +
A	85.0 - 94.9
A -	83.0 - 84.9
B +	80.0 - 82.9
B	75.0 - 79.9
C +	70.0 - 74.9
C	60.0 - 69.9
D	50.0 - 59.9
F	49.9 - and below

**University Regulations and Policies – Revised September 2017**

Academic Dates, Regulations, and Policies from the UW 2017-2018 General Calendar see:

<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/index.html>

The voluntary withdrawal dates, without academic penalty:

Please be advised withdrawing before the VW date does not result in a fee refund, see:

<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/registration/withdrawal-schedules.html>:

November 10, 2017 for courses which begin September 5 and end December 4, 2017

February 14, 2018 for courses which begin September 5, 2017 and end April 4, 2018

The University is closed for holidays on:

Sept. 4 (Labour Day); Oct. 9 (Thanksgiving Day); Nov. 11 (Remembrance Day)  
there are no make-up dates for the Fall 2017 term.

The dates of the Fall mid-term Reading Week (no classes): Oct. 9-13, 2017

All work submitted must be either typed or text processed and you may be asked for photo I.D. when writing tests.

No equipment is authorized for use in tests/exams (e.g. calculators, dictionaries, hand-held devices, books), unless specified by the instructor prior to the test.

Please note that the grade distribution and letter grade equivalents are tentative and may be changed in either direction by (1) the professor, (2) the Departmental Review Committee, or (3) the Senate, when circumstances warrant.

It is important to note that only students University of Winnipeg email address ([Name@webmail.uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:Name@webmail.uwinnipeg.ca)) will be used for course related correspondence

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<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/cms-filesystem-action/pdfs/calendar/RegulationsandPolicies.pdf>

Undergraduate students who plan to conduct minimal-risk research interviews, focus groups, surveys, or any other method of collecting data from any person, even a family member, must obtain the approval of the Departmental Ethics Committee before commencing data collection. (For greater-than-minimal-risk or Graduate student studies, approval of the UHREB is also required.) Exceptions are research activities in class as a learning exercise. For submission requirements and deadlines see:

<http://uwinnipeg.ca/research/human-ethics.html>

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Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide opportunity for students to make-up work and/or examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found at:

<http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf>

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