

# Psychology S2620Q: Abnormal Psychology

**Tentative syllabus -- subject to revision**

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**Bulletin Description**

Prerequisite: an introductory psychology course, or the instructor's permission.

An examination of definitions, theories, and treatments of abnormal behavior

Welcome to Psych S2620Q Abnormal Psychology! The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to mental disorders in adult humans. We will discuss diagnostic issues and methods used to study psychopathology. We will also examine a variety of mental disorders from several different theoretical and treatment perspectives. Focus will be on diagnosis, epidemiology, course of the disorder, etiology, and treatment issues. We will also briefly examine ethical and legal issues pertaining to psychopathology. The goals of the course include greater awareness and knowledge of psychopathology in hopes that we can reduce the suffering and stigma associated with mental disorders.

**Grading:**

Midterm: 25%

Paper: 25%

Final: 25%

Section Participation/Attendance: 25%

\* No makeups are given midterm; for documented medical or family emergencies, grade will be based solely on remaining exam/section participation

**Textbook:**

Davison, G.C., Neale, J.M., and Kring, A.M. (2004). *Abnormal Psychology (9<sup>th</sup> edition)*. John Wiley & Sons

## Course Syllabus:

### **Week 1: Introduction to the study of Psychopathology**

7/5: Introduction to Course-concepts in psychopathology (Chapters 1 & 2)

7/7: Classification and Methodology Issues in Psychopathology/Section Orientation (Chapter 3)

### **Week 2: Schizophrenia**

7/12: Models of Schizophrenia (Chapter 11)

7/14: Models of Schizophrenia continued; Treatment Strategies

### **Week 3: Depression**

7/19: Depression: Models and Theories (Chapter 10; pp. 267-303)

7/21: Depression: Cognitive Processes and Affect

### **Week 4: Anxiety Disorders**

7/26: Anxiety Disorders: Panic Disorder and Phobias (chapter 6; pp 133-155)

7/28: MIDTERM

### **Week 5: Personality Disorders**

8/2: Anxiety/Personality disorders: OCD, ASPD and Psychopathy (Chapter 6, 155-162)

8/4: Personality disorders: Borderline Personality Disorder (Chapter 13)

### **Week 6: Wrap Up: Where to take things from here?!**

8/9: Review 1/ Discussion of Hot Topics I (no readings)

8/11: FINAL EXAM