

Bossier Parish Community College
Master Syllabus

Course Prefix & Number: PSYC 299

Credit hours: 3

Course Title: Abnormal Psychology

Course Prerequisites: None

Textbook(s): Comer. *Abnormal Psychology*. Worth Publishing.

Course Description: This course is an introduction to theories and research concerning abnormal behavior (psychopathology). Additionally, it will address such topics as the incidence of abnormal behavior of various types; how abnormal behaviors are classified into various diagnostic categories; the causes of psychological disorders; and the variety of methods employed in the treatment of abnormal behavior.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the student will:

- A. analyze theoretical and practical perspectives in clinical psychology
- B. understand the biological, social, psychological, and sociocultural issues relevant to the diagnosis and treatment of mental issues
- C. understand various diagnostic concepts as applied to different populations
- D. describe various methods of intellectual, physical, developmental, and behavioral evaluation as applied in a clinical setting
- E. analyze the DSM methods of classification of mental disorders: Axis I, Axis II, Axis III and Axis IV categories

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will:

(The letter designations at the end of each semester refer to the learning outcome(s).)

- 1. identify and explain the Biological Dimensions: Genetics, brain anatomy, CNS functioning, biochemical imbalances, and autonomic nervous system; (B)
- 2. identify and explain the Social Dimensions: Family, relationships, social support, love, belonging, marital status, and community; (B)
- 3. identify and explain the Psychological Dimensions: Personality, cognition, learning, emotions, stress-coping, self-esteem, values, self-Efficacy, self-concept, and developmental history; (C)
- 4. identify and explain the Sociocultural Dimensions: Race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, culture, ethnicity, and social economic status; (D)
- 5. describe Psychological Theories in regards to abnormal behavior: Psychodynamic Model, Behavioral Model, Observational Learning Model, Cognitive Model, Humanistic Model, and Existential Model; (A)
- 6. describe Axis I, II, III, and IV disorders, symptoms and possible treatments. (E)

Course Requirements:

- A. regular and prompt class attendance reflected in class roll and/or contact;
- B. read assigned chapters and materials (i.e. handouts, power points, articles, lecture notes, etc.);
- C. successful completion of all administered examinations to assess knowledge of concepts with 70% passing as a minimum requirement;
- D. conduct library and internet research on assigned topics;
- E. active participation in class discussion through oral communication (i.e. debates, class presentation, class discussion, etc.);
- F. critically analyzing information through submission of written and/or typed assignments on materials (i.e. videos, power points, handouts, lectures and lecture notes, etc.) presented in class as well as information gathered through library and internet research.

Course Grading Scale:

- A 90-100%
- B 80-89%
- C 70-79%
- D 60-69%
- F 59% or below

Course Fees: None

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