Course Syllabus

University of South Florida at Sarasota-Manatee

Abnormal Psychology, CLP 4143

Course Credit Hours: 3

January 6, 2015 – April 26, 2015

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Class Schedule: Tuesdays 6:00pm-8:50 pm

Classroom: Northport   SNP 203


Course Description and Course Purpose:

This course will focus on descriptions, theoretical explanations, research evidence, and treatment of maladaptive behavior. The impact of clinical disorders upon individuals and their treatment modalities will be discussed. There will be two exams and one term paper. The historical and cultural context of normality and abnormality will also be a focus of the course. This course is an overview of abnormal psychology for undergraduates, and one of the courses available that complete a major in psychology. This course also meets criteria for student learning outcomes on knowledge and application of concepts and theories in one area of psychology, recognition of human diversity, critical thinking, and communication using the American Psychological Association style and standards.

At the conclusion of the course, the student should be able to:

1.) Identify and describe the major theories of abnormal psychology, with an ability to thoughtfully participate in relevant discussions.

2.) Compare and contrast the major theories of abnormal psychology.

3.) Complete objective examinations on the topics.

4.) Write a term paper which explores in depth one area of abnormal psychology.
Course Assignments and Grading System:

Examinations: Each exam will have 100 multiple choice questions that you will have 120 minutes to answer. Exams are not cumulative; they will cover only material assigned since the prior exam. You will be responsible for text material that is assigned but not covered in class. Some exam questions may be quite difficult in order to reward those who study the text closely.

Term Papers: Term papers are to be not less than 2000 words of text (not including references) and are to be written in APA style. Each paper should review the literature on an issue in a major theory or aspect of Abnormal Psychology. Papers will be graded on the following: relevance and organization of content, clarity of expression, application of critical analysis and documentation of references. No more than 25% of the paper may be quotes. Please note that any form of plagiarism or cheating on exams, projects, or papers is considered unacceptable behavior. Sources must be properly cited. At least 5 peer-reviewed scholarly sources must be used. Papers are due on March 24th — 6 pm at class. Late papers will be accepted for one week after the deadline. However, 2 points will be deducted from the paper for each 24 hour period following class that the paper is not received. Papers must be delivered electronically to Canvas.

The University of South Florida has an account with an automated plagiarism detection service which allows student assignments be checked for plagiarism. I reserve the right to ask students to submit their assignments to Turnitin through Canvas. Assignments are compared automatically with a database of journal articles, web articles, and previously submitted papers. The instructor receives a report showing exactly how a student’s paper was plagiarized.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), students are requested to maintain confidentiality as a way to keep their personal contact information (i.e. name, address, telephone) from being disclosed to vendors or other outside agencies. By your submission, you are also agreeing to release your original work for review for academic purposes to Turnitin.

It is your responsibility to make certain that I receive a hardcopy of your paper and that it is properly submitted to Turnitin.

Attendance: At the beginning of each class, attendance will be taken (roll call). If a student must arrive late or leave early, the instructor should be notified so that the student is not penalized unfairly. It is the student’s responsibility to let the instructor know when they are in class, particularly if they miss the roll call. At the end of the class, students who are less than 1 point from a grade margin may increase their grade a “plus or minus” with fewer than 2 absences. A student may decrease their grade accordingly with more than 2 absences.

Laptop Use in Class: Students are invited to bring their laptops whenever they wish.

Grade Type: Plus/Minus Letter Grade (A+ - F)
Grade Percentage:

1/3 – Exam I (100 points)  1/3 – Exam II (100 points)
1/3-Term Paper (100 points)  +/- if on the margin- Attendance

Weighted-percentage Grade
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Please note: There will be no opportunities for extra credit in this class.

Schedule of Assignments—Abnormal Psychology

January 6  Chapter 1: Overview & Chapter 2: History of Abnormal Psychology
(Friday, January 9—end of Drop/Add week)

January 13  Chapter 3: Causal Theories and Viewpoints
January 20  Chapter 4: Clinical Assessment /Diagnosis & Chapter 5: Stress
January 27  Chapter 5: Stress Physical and Mental Health & Chapter 6: Panic, Anxiety
February 3  Chapter 6: Panic, Anxiety, Obsessions & Chapter 7: Mood Disorders
February 10  Chapter 7: Mood Disorders & Suicide

Review

February 17  Examination 1--Chapters 1-7

February 24  Chapter 8: Somatic Symptom & Dissociative Disorders
March 3     No Class: Spring Break
March 10    Chapter 9: Eating Disorders & Obesity
(Friday, March 21---Last day to drop with a “W”)

March 17    Chapter 10: Personality Disorders
March 24    Chapter 11: Substance-Related Disorders

Paper Due

March 31    Chapter 12: Sexual Variants, Abuse, Dysfunctions
April 7     Chapter 13: Schizophrenia & Psychotic Disorders
The Counseling and Wellness Center is a confidential resource where students can talk about incidents of sexual harassment and gender-based crimes including sexual assault, stalking, and domestic/relationship violence. This confidential resource can help students without their having to report the situation to either the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSSR) or the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equal Opportunity (DIEO) unless they wish. Please be aware that professors, administrators, or other staff must report incidents of sexual harassment and gender-based crimes including sexual assault, stalking, and domestic/relationship violence. If students disclose any of these situations in class, in papers, instructors are required to report it to OSSR or DIEO for investigation. The Deputy Coordinator for USFSM is Mary Beth Wallace, AVP for Student Enrollment, Engagement and Success, 941-359-4330 ormarybeth@sar.usf.edu.

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USFSM AND USF SYSTEM POLICIES

A. Academic Dishonesty: The University considers any form of plagiarism or cheating on exams, projects, or papers to be unacceptable behavior. Please be sure to review the university’s policy in the USFSM Catalog, the USF System Academic Integrity of Students, and the USF System Student Code of Conduct.

B. Academic Disruption: The University does not tolerate behavior that disrupts the learning process. The policy for addressing academic disruption is included with Academic Dishonesty in the USFSM Catalog, USF System Academic Integrity of Students, and the USF System Student Code of Conduct.

C. Contingency Plans: In the event of an emergency, it may be necessary for USFSM to suspend normal operations. During this time, USFSM may opt to continue delivery
of instruction through methods that include but are not limited to: Canvas, Elluminate, Skype, and email messaging and/or an alternate schedule. It’s the responsibility of the student to monitor Canvas site for each class for course specific communication, and the main USFSM and College websites, emails, and MoBull messages for important general information. The USF hotline at 1 (800) 992-4231 is updated with pre-recorded information during an emergency. See the Campus Police Website for further information.

D. Disabilities Accommodation: Students are responsible for registering with the Office of Students with Disabilities Services (SDS) in order to receive academic accommodations. Reasonable notice must be given to the SDS office (typically 5 working days) for accommodations to be arranged. It is the responsibility of the student to provide each instructor with a copy of the official Memo of Accommodation. Contact Information: Disability Coordinator, 941-359-4714, disabilityservices@sar.usf.edu, http://usfsm.edu/disability-services/

E. Fire Alarm Instructions: At the beginning of each semester please note the emergency exit maps posted in each classroom. These signs are marked with the primary evacuation route (red) and secondary evacuation route (orange) in case the building needs to be evacuated. See Emergency Evacuation Procedures.

F. Religious Observances: USFSM recognizes the right of students and faculty to observe major religious holidays. Students who anticipate the necessity of being absent from class for a major religious observance must provide notice of the date(s) to the instructor, in writing, by the second week of classes. Instructors canceling class for a religious observance should have this stated in the syllabus with an appropriate alternative assignment.

G. Sexual Misconduct/Sexual Harassment Reporting: USFSM is committed to providing an environment free from sex discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence (USF System Policy 0-004). The Counseling and Wellness Center is a confidential resource where you can talk about incidents of sexual harassment and gender-based crimes including sexual assault, stalking, and domestic/relationship violence. This confidential resource can help you without having to report your situation to either the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSSR) or the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equal Opportunity (DIEO), unless you request that they make a report.

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First Call for Help- Manatee: 941-708-6488

Sarasota & North Port 941-366-5025

Manatee Glens: 941-782-4800

**H. Web Portal Information:** Every newly enrolled USF student receives an official USF e-mail account. Students receive official USF correspondence and Canvas course information via that address.