

## Psychopathology ICBI 411

Course Description: This course will provide an introduction / overview to the definition, assessment, and classification of abnormal behavior. Historical approaches to the understanding and treatment of abnormal behavior. Selected forms of psychopathology will be discussed in some detail. Major orientations, clinical assessment, psychotherapies and biological treatments are also covered. Cross-cultural issues dealing with abnormality will also be covered in this course.

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Prerequisites: Some background knowledge of psychology is necessary. This is not an introductory course. Students are recommended to have taken ICSS 112 Introduction to Psychology

Objectives: By course completion, students will have a grounding in and more sophisticated understanding of the field of abnormal psychology or psychopathology, through an improved critical evaluation of selected issues and the literature.

Teaching methods, course requirements and evaluation: Lectures, presentations and discussion will be used in each class. Evaluation is based on two examinations and student presentations (on a topic drawn from the selected readings list or one of the interests to the student in the area of abnormal psychology). The examinations will consist of a midterm and a final, each carrying 40% of the weight of the total grade, while the presentations will carry 20% of the total grade. Examinations will deal with material taken from both lectures and readings. As such, each student is required to complete the readings from the selected text and is responsible for the content of those readings regardless of whether they are discussed in class. An attempt will be made to engage in discussions on the material so please read the material prior to class. Use of video depicting various issues of mental illness will be shown when possible.

Midterm	40%
Quizzes/paper	20%
Final	40%

Duration and time: 4 hour per week, 11 weeks; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1400-1550

Text: Fundamentals of Abnormal Psychology by Carson et al.  
Other selected readings will be given to the students in class.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Chapters</u>
1	An overview of abnormal psychology from a historical perspective and DSM classification	1
2	Causal factors and clinical assessment	2 and 3
3	Stress, panic and anxiety related disorders	4 and 5
4	Mood disorders, suicide, hypochondriasis and dissociative disorders	6
5	Review and Midterm examination	
6	Physical health and eating disorders	8
7	Personality disorders	9
8	Substance abuse and related disorders	10
9	Sexual disorders and sexual variants	11
10	Schizophrenia and **student presentations** Film reviews due	12
11	Contemporary issues in abnormal psychology and a review of the course to assist students who have questions prior to the final examination	15