

PSYC 360 (52565) - Abnormal Psychology
Spring 2013

Tue/Th 10:00- 11:50 a.m.

MHP 101

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Required

- Comer, Ronald (2013). *Abnormal Psychology* (8th Ed.). NY: Worth Publishers.
- PsychPortal, which accompanies the loose leaf version of the textbook (available at the USC bookstore) is **required** for this course (www.yourPsychPortal.com)

Course Objectives

- To introduce students to theory, diagnosis, and treatment of clinical disorders including anticipated changes in these areas in the upcoming DSM-5
- To help students to understand the real impact of mental illness on the lives of clients and their families

Use of Electronic Devices

Laptops or other electronic devices will ONLY be permitted in the **first three rows of the classroom**. The use of laptops is restricted to typing class notes. Dr. Chopp reserves the right to ask any student without accommodations to put away a laptop if the student is using the device for activities besides note typing. Students who require laptops as part of academic accommodations must provide a letter stating so from Disability Services.

Grading and Other Policies

Exams (75%)

There will be four non-cumulative, multiple choice exams for this course. You will need to bring your own Scantron (**AccuScan, Benchmark #29240**) and pencil to each exam. Only three of the four exams will count toward the overall course grade. There will be **NO make-up exams** offered for this course. Since there are four scheduled exams and only three of them count toward the overall course grade, you may choose to either:

- A) Take all four of the exams and drop your lowest exam grade *OR*
- B) Miss one exam due to major illness (etc.) and have only three of the four exams you completed count toward your final grade

Students will not be able to keep completed exams. Exam scantrons can be viewed during the T.A.'s office hours or by making an appointment with the T.A. to view your exam. Completed exams can be viewed anytime during the semester; however, scores cannot be changed for any reason after the next exam date has passed. Therefore, it is in your best interest to meet with the T.A. between exams if you would like feedback on how to improve your exam scores.

PsychPortal & Mozilla Firefox (required)

PsychPortal is an online learning environment that integrates a complete e-Book version of our textbook, videos, access to course materials (e.g., lecture slides), and a grading system. **Google Chrome, Safari, and Internet Explorer are NOT supported browsers on PsychPortal.** While some functionality may appear to work, using these browsers may cause submissions to post grades inaccurately or omit them entirely. Therefore, **you are required to download and use Mozilla Firefox** (<http://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/>) as the web browser with which you will use PsychPortal. All website technical issues (e.g., quiz will not open) need to be handled through PsychPortal technical support at 1-800-936-6899 **before** emailing your T.A. (Michelle will not be able to assist with technical issues). It is your responsibility to make sure that you are using the correct web browser and that additional PsychPortal concerns are reported to the T.A. well in advance of the due date.

Online Quizzes (25%)

To help you stay on track with the course material and to provide you with access to a variety of interactive learning tools, you will be provided with 17 PsychPortal quizzes. TEN quizzes will count toward your final grade in the course. All quizzes are open-book, untimed, and multiple-choice. Each student may receive a randomized set of quiz items (so that no two quizzes will necessarily be the same) and students may not work together to answer quiz items.

There will be **NO make-up quizzes** offered for this course. Additionally, no student will be allowed to take a chapter quiz after the date that the chapter appears on a class exam. Quizzes will be available earlier than the due date (due dates will always fall on the day of the final class before an exam). I suggest you do not wait until the due date to complete all of the quizzes. Since only ten quizzes count toward the overall course grade, you may choose to either:

- A) Take more than ten quizzes and drop your lowest quiz grades *OR*
- B) Miss up to seven quizzes due to major illness (etc.) and have only ten of the quizzes you completed count toward your final grade

Extra Credit

Earn extra credit by participating in psychology department research. Students may earn a maximum of 10 points (total of 5 hrs of research participation x 2 points for each hour)- or approx. 1% of the overall grade. **You must remember to ASSIGN your credits to this class in order to receive your extra credit.** Studies can be located through the Sona Systems web page at <http://usc.sona-systems.com>.

Final grades will be determined according to the following breakdown:

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| A: 93-100% | B+: 87-89% | C+: 77-79% | D+: 67-69% | F: 59 and below |
| | B: 83-86% | C: 73-76% | D: 60-66% | |
| A-:90-92% | B-: 80-82 | C-: 70-72% | | |

Statement for Students with Disabilities

Any student requesting academic accommodations is required to register with the Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP. Please be sure the letter is delivered to me as early in the semester as possible. This information will be kept private. DSP is located in STU 301 and is open 8:30-5:00, M-F. The phone number to DSP is 213-740-0776.

Breakdown of IMPORTANT DATES*

- 2-5 Quizzes due for Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5
- 2-7 Exam 1
- 2-28 Quizzes due for Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- 3-5 Exam 2
- 4-9 Quizzes due for Chapters 11, 12, 13, 17
- 4-11 Exam 3
- 5-2 Quizzes due for chapters 14, 15, 16, 18
- 5-14 Exam 4 (SLH 100, 11 am-1pm**)

*If you already know that you have a conflict(s) with one or more of the exam dates I recommend that you reconsider whether this is an appropriate time for you to be enrolled in this course. I will not make any exceptions (including requests to take exams early) unless an arrangement has been pre-arranged with the Psychology Department or the office of Student Affairs.

** Please note the change in exam time.

Exam and Assignment Schedule

| Week | Date | Topic | Assignment |
|-------------|---------------------|---|--|
| 1 | 1-15 | Introduction to the course | |
| | 1-17 | Psychology: Past & Present | Chapter 1 |
| 2 | 1-22 | Models of Abnormality | Chapter 3, pt 1 |
| | 1-24 | Models of Abnormality | Chapter 3, pt 2 |
| 3 | 1-29 | Assess Diagnose, Treatment | Chapter 4 |
| | 1-31 | Anxiety Disorders, pt 1 | Chapter 5, pt 1 |
| 4 | 2-5 | Anxiety Disorders, pt 2 | Chapter 5, pt 2 Quizzes 1, 3, 4, 5 DUE |
| | 2-7 | EXAM 1 | |
| 5 | 2-12 | Stress Disorders | Chapter 6 |
| | 2-14 | Somatoform & Dissociative | Chapter 7 |
| 6 | 2-19 | Mood Disorders | Chapter 8, pt 1 |
| | 2-21 | Film: Secret Life of the Manic Depressive (Stephen Fry) | Chapter 8, pt 2 |
| 7 | 2-26 | Treatment for Mood Disorders | Chapter 9 |
| | 2-28 | Suicide | Chapter 10 Quizzes 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Due |
| 8 | 3-5 | EXAM 2 | |
| | 3-7 | Eating Disorders | Chapter 11 |
| 9 | 3-12 | Substance Disorders, pt 1 | Chapter 12, pt 1 |
| | 3-14 | Substance Disorders, pt 2 | Chapter 12, pt 2 |
| 10 | 3-19 | <i>Spring Break</i> | <i>n/a</i> |
| | 3-21 | <i>Spring Break</i> | <i>n/a</i> |
| 11 | 3-26 | Sexual Disorders | Chapter 13 (up to p. 415) |
| | 3-28 | Special Topic: Gender Identity Disorder and the DSM | Journal article available on PsychPortal |
| 12 | 4-2 | Disorders of Childhood & Adol. | Chapter 17 |
| | 4-4 | tba | tba |
| 13 | 4-9 | tba | Quizzes 11, 12, 13, 17 DUE |
| | 4-11 | EXAM 3 | |
| 14 | 4-16 | Schizophrenia, pt 1 | Chapter 14, pt 1 |
| | 4-18 | Schizophrenia, pt 2 | Chapter 14, pt 2 |
| 15 | 4-23 | Treatments for Schizo & SMI | Chapter 15 |
| | 4-25 | Disorders of Aging & Cognition | Chapter 18 |
| 16 | 4-30 | Personality Disorders, pt 1 | Chapter 16, pt 1 |
| | 5-2 | Personality Disorders, pt 2 | Chapter 16, pt 2 Quizzes 14, 15, 16, 18 DUE |
| | 5-14; 11-1pm | Final: EXAM 4 | |

All additional reading(s) and lecture slides will be provided to students on PsychPortal