

Psychology 210 Syllabus

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2:00-3:00 Monday, Wednesday-Friday

DROP IN TIMES

(not Tuesdays)

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

In accordance with the National Guidelines and Suggested Learning Outcomes for the Undergraduate Psychology Major (APA 2001) this course is designed to help develop and improve your critical thinking skills. You should leave this course with cognitive tools that can provide you with specific strategies for inquiry and well reasoned thought.

COURSE OBJECTIVES (What you will learn if you successfully complete this course)

1. To become more knowledgeable about criteria used to classify behavior as abnormal as well as diagnostic criteria for various psychological disorders.
2. To understand how multiple factors interact to influence the development of psychological disorders.
3. To develop a basic understanding of the methods used and the kinds of information gathered in clinical assessments.
4. To increase awareness of cultural and personal biases toward individuals diagnosed with psychological disorders and how these biases can influence diagnoses, treatments, and outcomes.
5. To acquire basic knowledge related to prevention strategies and current treatment options for various psychological disorders.
6. To develop an understanding of some of the legal and ethical issues involved in providing mental health services.

MATERIALS

iClicker List Price \$32.17 (reference price from amazon.com) ISBN: 0716779390

Online materials

Blackboard9 bb9pilot.emory.edu please note this is a different site than the normal Blackboard site.

All reading materials online

Textbook of Psychotherapeutic Treatments DOI: 10.1176/

appi.books.9781585622986 edited by Glen O. Gabbard

DSM-IVtr DOI: 10.1176/appi.books.9780890423349

REQUIREMENTS

There are three regularly scheduled exams, clicker points, one intake report & case consultations in this class. The assignments are discussed below in greater detail.

TESTS There will be three exams (all cumulative). The test items will be taken primarily from class material, but you can expect some test questions on reading material, films, or any class activity. If you feel that the answer you chose for a test question is better than the correct answer, submit your case in WRITING to me (after a 24 hour "cool down" period). Make up exams (all essay) will be allowed ONLY for officially excused absences when notice has been provided to me in advance of the exam.

Exam 1 50 points

February 4

Exam II 75 points

March 4

Test III (Final) 100 points

during Finals

Psychopathology Previous Topics and Previous Topics and

History and Systems Mood Disorders Personality Disorders

Dynamic Theories Suicide Thought Disorders

Cognitive/Behavioral Theories Somatoform Disorders Sexual Disorders

Biological Theories Factitious Disorders Treatments

Psychopharmacology Dissociative Disorders

The DSM Eating and Sleep Disorders

Anxiety Disorders

Ethics and the Law

Adjustment Disorders

INTAKE REPORT PRESENTATION (30 points)

The presentation is due via e-mail on April 6 that 11:59pm. Your assignment is to examine the way an autobiography portrays psychopathology. You will write up an intake report by using the sample one provided on Blackboard and upload an audio video of you presenting your client (videos should not be longer than 8 minutes). There is a penalty for long and for late videos. Missing from your presentation should be the final diagnosis. We will discuss this during the Grand Rounds part of class. Specific requirements are described in a separate handout.

GRAND ROUNDS PRESENTATION AND CASE CONSULTATION (10 points for the presenter 10 points for consultation)

Starting after the presentation is due (date subject to change) you will answer questions regarding your "client." Each person will get 2 points a day for the diagnosis and the presenter will get up to 10 points for their presentation. Your points will be based on your ability to answer questions.

iC. You'll be able to earn participation and performance points during the semester. We'll use the iClicker (available in the bookstore) everyday. The first part of the class, you'll be awarded points for participation. After you get used to the system, you'll get MORE points for answering sample questions correctly and some consolation points (not many) for incorrect answers.

Because of the nature of the iC points, you may not "make up" these assignments. Preparing for the iC points will decrease your study burden for the exams. You may earn up to 25 iC points during the semester. If you forget your clicker you must follow the loaner clicker policy in order to receive your iC points.

EVALUATION

The final grade will be based on EXAM 1 (50 points), EXAM II (75 points), EXAM III (100 points), and the Intake Report (30 points), your clicker points (25 points) as well as your consultation points (10) and your Grand Rounds Presentation (10) for a total of 300 points. A letter grade will be assigned to the TOTAL points accumulated during the semester. For example, to earn an A, you will need to "collect" 90% of the 270 points available. Once you collect 270 points from any of the assignments, you have earned an A. I will NOT use plus/

minus in this class.

COURSE POLICIES

Subject to change

The class outline on the following page should be considered very fluid. Any and all of the dates, topics, values, and assignments listed are subject to change by the instructor. In fact, some changes are very typical for my courses as circumstances warrant. Some topics may take longer to cover than anticipated while others may require less time; each class is different. Every effort will be made to follow the outline and policies on this syllabus. However, if the class is particularly interested in a given topic, I may decide to spend more time on it, or if the class is interested in a topic not assigned, I may decide to include it. You will be notified of any changes that become necessary due to unforeseen circumstances.

EMAIL (I reserve the right not to answer emails that do not follow this policy.)

For most of us, sending and receiving email is simple and fun. We use it to communicate with friends and family in an informal manner. But while we may be unguarded in our tone when we email friends, a professional tone should be maintained when communicating with your professors. Many professors receive up to 100 emails a day and email has become the primary

and preferred way of contacting professors. If you follow these simple guidelines you will communicate and you will shine. Use it improperly, however, and you might accidentally communicate immaturity. Apply the following guidelines to your emails:

1. Use a meaningful subject header for your email-- one that is appropriate to the topic. Emails with these headers get attention first
2. Always be professional and business-like in your correspondence
3. Be sure to proofread and spell-check your email before sending it.
4. Don't ask questions you can easily find yourself like "When is the next test" or "When is the paper due?" You might consider the 'crossing the quad' rule. If you wouldn't cross the quad to ask me this question why email it to me?

Statement of Academic Integrity

Academic integrity includes a commitment to not engage in or tolerate acts of falsification, misrepresentation or deception. Violation of academic integrity in this course includes plagiarizing (submitting the work of another person as your own) and tampering with the work of another student. All students are expected to act with civility, personal integrity; respect other students' dignity, rights and property; and help create and maintain an environment in which all can succeed through the fruits of their own efforts. An environment of academic integrity is requisite to respect for self and others and a civil community.

All work done in this class is subject to the Oxford College Honor Code. Work produced through academic misconduct (e.g., cheating on exams, plagiarism) will be dealt with according to the policies of the Honor Code and will result in a failing grade for the entire course. Unless I tell you otherwise, all work in the course should be done on your own. Please note that exams

may not be removed from the exam room or copied at any time. Cheating is a very serious matter and will not be taken lightly. The College imposes serious penalties for breaches of academic honesty and all cases of suspected breaches of honesty will be reported. Please <http://www.emory.edu/OXFORD/CampusLife/honor.html> for more details on the honor code