

Syllabus
Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 3603, Section 201
Spring, 2023

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Text: Jennings, H. (2022). Nolen-Hoeksema's Abnormal Psychology (9th ed.). McGraw-Hill.

Course Objectives: This course is designed to provide students with an overview of historical views of mental disorders, the problems of identifying and classifying deviant behavior, current research concerning the background, development, symptoms, dynamics, and prognosis of the major categories of mental disorders.

Course Description: Material will be presented in the form of class lectures and occasional video presentations. While this course is basically a lecture course, it is necessary that students read material ahead and be prepared to engage in meaningful class discussion. Class lectures will be related to, but not identical with, material presented in the text, and you will be tested on both; therefore, regular class attendance is required.

Tentative Reading and Exam Schedule

Section I (Chapters 1-4) 1/17 – 2/7

EXAM I 2/9

Section II (Chapters 5-8) 2/14 – 3/7

EXAM II 3/9

Section III (Chapters 9-12) 3/21 – 4/11

EXAM III 4/13

Section IV (Chapters 13-16) 4/18 – 5/4

FINAL EXAM 5/11 (10:30 -12:30)

Attendance Policy: Students are allowed three (3) absences. Once you exceed this limit, whether the absences are excused or not, you may be dropped from the course with a grade of "F." I will not be responsible for recording attendance for students who are tardy.

Ten (10) points extra credit may be obtained by maintaining perfect attendance, defined as having no unexcused absences. Absences are excused only under the following circumstances:

1. the student provides a written excuse from a medical practitioner stating that the student was unable to attend class on the day(s) of the absence;
2. the student provides a written excuse from a medical practitioner stating that the student's dependent child was ill on the day(s) of the absence;
3. the student provides a written excuse from an official of Midwestern State University stating that the student was in attendance at a mandatory university function on the day(s) of the absence.

In order for an absence to be excused, the written excuse must be provided within one week of the absence.

Funerals, employment-related absences, illnesses not requiring medical attention, job interviews, family emergencies, automobile problems, court appearances, etc. do not constitute excused absences.

Cheating Policy: Any evidence of cheating will result in dismissal from this class with a grade of "F." To avoid questions of cheating, make sure you mark your Scantrons cleanly, with a No. 2 pencil. No grade changes will be made because of "Scantron error."

Note: Individuals requiring special accommodation may contact me after class or during office hours.

Also note: Phones are to be turned off during class. If you have a situation that requires you to receive calls, you need to contact me ahead of time, have your device on silent mode, and take the call outside the classroom.