Abnormal Psychology  
PSY 2320 - 001  
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Class Meets: TR 2:00 – 3:15 PM


Course Description: Abnormal Psychology encompasses theories and research on the incidence, classification, etiology, and treatment of abnormal behaviors. Prerequisite: PSY 2301.

2320 Abnormal Psychology (3 credits) is designed to introduce students to the study of abnormal psychology by covering theories and research on the incidence, classification, etiology and management of abnormal behaviors. The course typically meets 150 minutes a week in two 75-minute segments or three 50-minute segments for 15 weeks. Students typically have significant weekly reading assignments, writing assignments, are expected to take regular tests, and a final examination. These activities average at a minimum 6 hours of work each week to prepare outside of classroom hours.

Course Requirements:

1. Students will read the assigned textbook chapters.
2. Students will participate in class discussions.
3. Students will take four fifty-question multiple choice format exams.
4. Students will take ten mini-quizzes.
5. Students will complete five diagnostic assignments.
Program Learning Outcomes

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<td>The student will demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology.</td>
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<td>The student will understand and apply basic research methods in psychology, including research design, data analysis, and interpretation.</td>
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<td>The student will respect and use critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and, when possible, the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes.</td>
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<td>The student will understand and apply psychological principles to personal, social, and organizational issues.</td>
<td>Mastery</td>
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<td>The student will value empirical evidence, tolerate ambiguity, act ethically, and reflect other values that are the underpinnings of psychology as a science.</td>
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Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate familiarity with the diagnostic criteria for each of the psychological disorders covered in the class.

2. Demonstrate knowledge of possible causal factors for each disorder as well as their supporting psychological theories.

3. Describe different treatment modalities and theories behind each of the approach modalities (e.g., psychoanalysis, cognitive-behavioral therapy)

4. Become a more informed consumer regarding the different mental health disciplines and services

Academic Integrity (A-9.1)

Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.
**Definition of Academic Dishonesty**

Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit.

Please read the complete policy at [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp)

**Acceptable Student Behavior**

Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on exams may be referred to the Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.

**Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54)**

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for
the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

**Students with Disabilities**

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to [http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/).

**Attendance Policy:** Regular attendance is expected. There are no make-up exams (the exception is for athletes and other students traveling on exam days to compete or perform, and who have university-excused absences).

**Mental Health Resources**

SFASU values students’ mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. SFA provides a variety of resources to support students’ mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

**On-campus Resources:**
SFASU Counseling Services  
www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices  
3rd Floor Rusk Building  
936-468-2401

SFASU Human Services Counseling Clinic  
www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp  
Human Services Room 202  
936-468-1041

**Crisis Resources:**
Burke 24-hour crisis line 1(800) 392-8343  
Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1(800) 273-TALK (8255)  
Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741
Course Calendar/Exam Schedule

All exams are online and accessed through d2l.

Exam # 1: Chapter 3 - Causal Factors & Viewpoints
          Chapter 4 - Clinical Assessment & Diagnosis

           Thursday, September 16th

Exam # 2: Chapter 6 – Panic, Anxiety, Obsessions, & Their Disorders
           Chapter 7 – Mood Disorders & Suicide
           Chapter 8 – Dissociative Disorders

           Thursday, October 14

Exam # 3: Chapter 10 – Personality Disorders
           Chapter 11 – Substance-Related Disorders
           Chapter 12 – Sexual Variants (Paraphilias)

           Tuesday, November 9th

Exam # 4:

           Chapter 13 - Schizophrenia & Other Psychotic Disorders
           Chapter 15 – Disorders of Childhood & Adolescence

           Monday, December 6th – Wednesday December 8th

Grading Policy: Finals grades will be calculated based on the total number of points the student obtained from the four exams (400), ten quizzes (100), and five case assignments (100). The total points = 600

A = (537 to 600 points)
B = (477 to 536 points)
C = (417 to 476 points)
D = (357 to 416 points)
F = Less than 357 points
A = 89.5-100  B = 79.5-89.4  C = 69.5-79.4  D = 59.5-69.4  F = 59.4 and below

This grade breakdown is final. Please do not request a change in grade.

Make Up Policy: There will be no makeup exams. The only exception to this rule is for students who have a formal (in writing) university excused absence.

If a student misses an exam due to illness or personal emergency, that student’s final grade will be calculated based on three exams and the other required points only if the student provides documentation to support the reason for the absence. If a student misses more than one exam, the final grade will be an F.