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## **General Syllabus**

### **PSYC 3763 Abnormal Psychology**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisite: PSYC 2963 Developmental Psychology: A Life Span and one of the following: ENGL 1213 Composition II, ENGL 1233 Honors Composition, or RHET 2863 Advanced Composition.

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

#### **I. Course Information**

##### **A. Catalog Description**

Examines various types of abnormal and maladaptive behavior with emphasis on developmental and contributing factors, common diagnostic categories, therapy, and prevention.

##### **B. Additional Information**

This course is an elective course for a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. It may also be taken as an elective for students with a minor in psychology or related degree program such as criminal justice.

#### **II. Student Learning Outcomes**

##### **A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the concept of abnormality and list criteria for abnormal behavior;
2. Identify research issues specific to the field of abnormal research;
3. Distinguish major mental disorders as they are outlined in the DSM-IV; and
4. Analyze issues related to etiology and treatment of major mental disorders.

##### **B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

###### **Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will communicate effectively with a variety of audiences in any setting.

**Analytical Skills****Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will draw conclusions and solve problems.

**Global and Cultural Perspectives**

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

**III. Major Course Topics**

- A. Definition and Criteria for Abnormal Categorization
- B. History of Abnormality Research Methods
- C. Procedures used to investigate Etiology and Treatment
- D. Assessment and Diagnosis using the DSM-IV-TR
- E. Somatoform and Dissociative
- F. Mood
- G. Eating and Sleep
- H. Physical Disorders and Health Psychology
- I. Sexual and Gender
- J. Substance Related
- K. Personality Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders