

Abnormal Psychology

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Time: Tuesday/Thursday 6:00-9:40pm

Class Location: LSH-B269 LIV

Instructor: Tova Lane, PsyM

Course website: <http://sakai.rutgers.edu/>

Materials Needed:

Access card for Abnormal Psychology 8th Edition by Comer. This can be purchased at the Rutgers University Bookstore or through Worth Publisher. You do NOT need to purchase the textbook. Instructions for accessing the online program can be found in the announcements section of Sakai.

Course Objectives:

- (a) to provide students with an integrative overview of the field of abnormal psychology and major psychological problems and disorders;
- (b) to familiarize students with the multiple causes of psychopathology as viewed from a number of different theoretical perspectives;
- (c) to illustrate an integrative view of research in the area of abnormal behavior;
- (d) to discuss intervention and prevention strategies for psychological disorders;
- (e) to promote critical thinking skills in the area of abnormal psychology.

Policies:

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all classes and remain present for the entire duration of class. If you need to leave early, please sit in the back of the room so you can exit without disturbing other students.

Behavior: Everyone has their own learning style. Make sure yours is not disruptive to others around you. Do not engage in loud conversation with others, and of course, cell phones and laptops should be on silent. Students who are disruptive may be asked to leave.

Class participation: Summer class sizes allow for active participation. Students are invited to participate actively.

During each class session we will be completing online assignments. The grade from your lowest class will be dropped. **Bring a laptop/tablet to class.**

Assignments: After every class you will have an online assignment on the Comer website. This will be explained in detail in class. Lowest assignment grade will be dropped.

Exams: On the exams you will be responsible for all material in the textbook. Additionally, any material covered in class may appear on the exam as well.

Missed exams: Students may only miss an exam for a documented reason (in writing). You must have a letter from a dean, doctor, etc.

Recording classes: Recording the class in any audio or visual manner is strictly forbidden without explicit written permission from the instructor.

Academic Integrity: Any student caught cheating on an exam and/or altering/plagiarizing assignments will receive a grade of “F” for the course. Please refer to your student handbook for a description of what constitutes academic dishonesty.

Special Accommodations: Any students with disabilities or other special needs that may require special accommodations for this course should make this known to the instructor during the first week of the class.

Counseling: Should any material in this course bring up strong or uncomfortable emotions, the Rutgers Counseling Center is a wonderful resource for support and psychotherapy. They can be reached at 848-932-7884.

Grading:

- In-class Assignment – 20%
- Homework Assignments – 20%
- Exam #1 – 15%
- Exam #2 – 15%
- Final Exam – 30%

Grading scale:

The following grading scale will be used:

- 90-100% = A
- 85-89% = B+
- 80-84% = B
- 75-79% = C+
- 70-74% = C
- 60-69% = D
- below 60% = F

Questions: The Sakai chatroom is a great way to ask a question that may be useful to everyone. I will monitor it regularly and respond to questions posted in the chat room. If you have a very specific concern, you can contact me at ProfessorTLane@gmail.com.

This syllabus is a guide for the course and is subject to change. Changes made will be noted on Sakai.

Class Schedule:

5/27	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology
5/29	Mood Disorders and Suicide
6/03	Eating Disorders
6/05	Substance Use and Addictive Disorders
6/10	Anxiety, Phobias and Obsessive Compulsive Disorders
6/12	Disorders of Stress and Trauma, <i>Exam #1</i>
6/17	Somatoform Disorders
6/19	Dissociative Disorders
6/24	Schizophrenia and Psychotic Disorders, <i>Exam #2</i>
6/26	Gender and Sexual Disorders
7/01	Personality Disorders
7/03	Disorders of Childhood and Adolescence
	<i>Final Exam</i>