

**Rutgers University
Department of Psychology
Summer 2013**

Course Syllabus: 01:830:340:B2, Abnormal Psychology

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Office Hours: M 2 – 3pm or by appointment*

Number of Credits: 3

Required Texts and Supplementary Material (see note below):

Jeffrey S. Nevid, Spencer A. Rathus, & Beverly Greene. *Abnormal Psychology in a Changing World*, Eighth Edition.

NOTE:

Using an older edition of the text is permissible. If you do not have the 8th edition, check the chapter topics against the topics covered in each unit to make sure you are reading equivalent material. For example, if I am covering personality disorders you want to ensure you are reading the chapter on personality disorders in an earlier edition.

Not all of my material comes from our textbook. I will often cover topics not included in the text. You are responsible for both what is written in the text, what is covered in the slideset and lecture. While conflicting material does not often occur, defer to what is covered in the slideset for a test, quiz or other assignment.

*Please note, Tillett Hall does not currently have air conditioning. If the building is uncomfortable I will hold my office hours at 112 Patterson Street at the Institute for Health. To avoid confusion over location, please email me to let me know if you will be attending office hours.

Grading Policy:	1. Exams (4, drop lowest)	75%
	2. Paper	25%
	A = 90-100%	C = 70-76%
	B+ = 87-89%	D = 60-69%
	B = 80-86%	F = Below 60
	C+ = 77-79%	

UNIT TESTS 75% of your final grade (25% each, drop lowest)

I will give four unit tests. The purpose of these tests is to assess your learning and understanding of the course material. The tests are based on the reading and material covered in class for each unit. Many questions are not rote definitions but require thought about concepts or contain examples. For example, I like to give paragraphs describing an individual and ask you what disorder they might have or ask you to describe someone with a disorder

PAPER 25% of your final grade

Students will write a 5-7 page paper about a psychological disorder portrayed in a movie. Students will summarize the movie (less than one page), discuss the disorder (symptoms, causes), discuss how the movie portrayed the disorder (what did filmmaker get right/ what did they get wrong) and treatments for the disorder. Note, the paper is about the disorder NOT the movie. **Topics must be approved and are due by 6/10. Papers are due on Monday, July 1, 2013**

LATE POLICY & MAKE UP POLICY

Late work will not be accepted unless arrangements are made with me before the due date. If you need to arrange for an extension please contact me before the assignment is due or an extension will not be granted. In order to take a make-up exam or turn in late work students **must** turn in a signed note from a dean. Vacations are not an excuse for missing work. If you are leaving for a vacation, submit your work before you leave.

CHEATING & PLAGIARISM:

I will not tolerate plagiarism or cheating without exception. **A first offense will be reported on your college record and will result in the failure of the class. Consider this your warning.**

COURSE WEBSITE:

If you are properly registered for the course, you have access to the course website through Sakai. There you will find copies of slides. **It is important to note that the syllabus is subject to change, so please consistently check the syllabus on Sakai so that you are aware of these changes.** You are responsible for all the information contained in this syllabus, and for all changes to the syllabus that I announce in class or post on the website.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Any student who feels he or she needs accommodation for a physical or learning disability, please contact the Office of Disability Services (151 College Ave, Suite 123; phone 732-932-2848) and read more about Rutgers' policy at <http://disability/services.rutgers.edu> . If you request accommodations for this course, you will need a letter from Disability Services. This letter must be provided to me *by our second class*, at which point you may make a request for course-specific accommodations. The Chair of Undergraduate Psychology and I will review your request and may choose to modify it before it is approved.

TURNITIN.COM INFO

The final paper must be submitted to turnitin.com by 10:10am on Monday, July 2, 2013. Failure to submit your paper to turnitin.com will result in an automatic fail grade on the paper. No late papers will be accepted, NO exceptions.

- **Class id:** 6491898
- **Class password:** Abn0rmal

Schedule of Classes, Tests and Due Dates

Date	Topics Covered	Due Dates
May 28 – June 4	Unit 1 Ch 1: Introduction to Abnormal Psychology Ch 2: Contemporary Perspectives on Abnormal Behavior Ch 4: Methods of Treatment	06/04/13: Unit 1 Test
June 5 – June 12	Unit 2 Ch 14: Abnormal Behavior in Children & Adolescence Ch 15: Cognitive Disorders and Disorders Related to Aging Ch 11: Disorders involving Gender & Sexuality	06/10/13: Paper Topics Due 06/12/13: Unit 2 Test
June 13- June 24	Unit 3 Ch 6: Anxiety Disorders Ch 8: Mood Disorders & Suicide Ch 9: Substance Abuse & Dependence	06/24/13: Unit 3 Test
June 25 – July 3	Unit 4 Ch 7: Dissociative Disorders Ch 12: Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders Ch 13: Personality disorders	07/02/13: Paper Due 07/03/13: Unit 4 Test