**XXX** College

Social Science, Human Services & Business Division

Spring/**XXX**

Abnormal Behavior

Course ####, 3 Credits

Location: **XXX**

Time: **XXX**

**Instructor: XXX**

**Contact Information:**

Office: Phone:

Email address: Hours Available:

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**Course Description**

An introduction to the literature concerning maladaptive behavior including characteristics, classification, diagnosis, and treatment modalities. Topics include factors associated with defining and identifying abnormal behavior.

**Textbooks and Other Course Materials:**

Abnormal Psychology (4th ed.), Lyons/Martin, ISBN 97816022987432011 (Text-book buy back has to include all the original material purchased with the book i.e. Disk/CD activities.)

**Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Student will be able to describe specific abnormal behaviors.

2. Student will be able to explain how abnormal behavior is assessed and diagnosed.

3. Student will be able to identify the treatments for abnormal behavior.

4. Student will be able to identify factors affecting physical and mental health.

5. Student will be able to explain the ethical obligations of a mental health professional.

**Course Objectives:**

1. To provide students with an integrative overview of the field of abnormal psychology and major psychological problems and disorders.

2. To familiarize students with the multiple causes of psychopathology as viewed from a number of different theoretical perspectives.

3. To illustrate an integrative view of research in the area of abnormal psychology.

4. To discuss intervention and prevention strategies for psychological disorders.

**Course Outline:**

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| Week # 1  Aug 27 – Sept 02 | 08/30/12 - Introduction |
| Week # 2  September 3 - 9 | 09/06/12 – Chapter 1/Chapter 2  *Introduction/Historical Perspectives* |
| Week # 3  September 10- 16 | 09/13/12 - Chapter 3  *Contemporary Frameworks*  **Thursday, 09/13/12 - Chapter and Group Assignments Due** |
| Week 4  September 17 - 23 | 09/20/12 - Chapter 4  *Classification, Diagnosis, and Assessment* |
| Week 5  September 24 - 30 | 9/27/12 - Chapter 5  *Stress and Stress-Related Disorders* |
| Week 6  October 1 - 7 | 10/04/12 - Chapter 6  *Anxiety Disorders* |
| Week7  October 8 - 14 | 10/11/12 - Chapter 7  *Somatoform and Dissociative Disorders* |
| Week 8 | 10/18/12 - Chapter 8 |

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| October 15 -21 | *Personality Disorders*  **Friday, October 19 – EXAM I** |
| Week 9  October 22 - 28 | 10/25/12 - Chapter 9/Chapter 10  *Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders/Schizophrenia and Psychotic*  *Disorders* |
| Week 10  Oct 29 – Nov 4 | 11/01/12 - Chapter 10/Chapter 11  *Schizophrenia and Psychotic Disorders/Moods Disorders and Suicide* |
| Week 11  November 5 - 11 | 11/08/12 – Chapter 11/Chapter 12  *Moods Disorders and Suicide/Substance-Related Disorders* |
| Week 12  November 12 - 18 | 11/14/12 – Chapter12/Chapter 13  *Substance-Related Disorders /Disorders and Infancy, Childhood, and*  *Adolescence* |
| Week 13  November 19 - 25 | *Chapter 16 - Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues in Abnormal*  *Psychology*  ***11/22/12 - NO CLASS/THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY*** |
| Week 14  Nov 26 – Dec 2 | 11/29/12 - Chapter 14  *Eating, Sleep, and Impulse Control Disorders*  **Annotated Bibliography Due** |
| Week 15  December 3 - 9 | 12/06/12 - Chapter 15  *Delirium, Dementia, Amnesic, and Other Cognitive Disorders*  **Friday , December 07 – EXAM II** |
| Week 16  December 10 – 16 | **Final Exam Week** |