

Master Syllabus

PSY 2217 - Abnormal Psychology

Division: Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

Department: Psychology

Credit Hour Total: 3.0

Lecture Hrs: 3.0

Prerequisite(s): PSY 1100

Date Revised: June 2014

Course Description:

A study of the diagnostic criteria, symptoms, causes and treatments of disorders listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, with an emphasis on current clinical research.

General Education Outcomes:

- ▣ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- ▣ Oral Communication
- ▣ Written Communication

Course Outcomes:

Logical analysis of mental disorder symptoms

Logical analysis of diagnostic problems using synthesis and evaluation of symptoms related to mental disorders.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Score 70% or better on locally developed exams

Communicate effectively regarding mental disorder diagnoses

Communicate effectively regarding diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders through writing, oral communication, listening, reading, and computer and information literacy.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Score satisfactorily on 70% of rubric items

Clinical assessment

Conduct clinical assessment of major psychological disorders using the DSM as a reference.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria: Score satisfactorily on 70% of rubric items

Outline:

Historical perspectives on abnormality Contemporary theories Assessment and diagnosis Psychotic disorders Mood disorders Personality disorders Dissociative disorders Childhood disorders Substance-related disorders Cognitive disorders