

## 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

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#### 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 Competency
- ▣ Oral Communication Competency
- ▣ Written Communication Competency

#### 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