Course Profile - Department of Psychology

Course Number: **PSY 342**	Course Title: Psychopathology
Required / Elective: Required	Pre / Co-requisites: -
Catalog Description: This course is designed as a foundation course to understand the nature and the definitions of health and dysfunction.	Textbook / Required Material: Durand, V. M. & Barlow, D. H. (2009). *Essentials of Abnormal Psychology, Fifth Edition*. Wadsworth, Cengage Learning: New Jersey.

Course Structure / Schedule: **(3+0+0) 3 / 5 ECTS**

Extended Description:

   The primary focus of the course is an overview of the definition of health and illness, description of various symptoms, diagnostic assessment and etiology of psychopathologies (DSM IV Axis I and Axis II). Additionally, treatments of abnormal behavior will be briefly discussed.

Design content: None	Computer usage: Not required

Course Outcomes:

1. To explain multiple definitions of the terms "normal" and "abnormal"
2. To address the range of human functioning from optimal to dysfunctional
3. To understand biological, social, learning, and developmental influences on psychopathology
4. To describe the diagnostic criteria, symptoms, etiology and prognosis of major mental disorders
5. To apply diagnostic criteria and case formulations to the assessment and diagnosis of major mental disorders
6. To provide students with opportunities to reflect upon and understand their own internal experiences through written personal statement on health and illness

Teaching methods: Lecture, class discussion, presentation of clinical cases

Course Outline

Week	Topics	
1	Introduction & Course Overview	
2	Abnormal Behavior in Historical Context	
3	An Integrative Approach to Psychopathology	
4	Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis	
5	Anxiety Disorders	

6	Somatoform and Dissociative Disorders	
7	**MIDTERM EXAM**	
8	Mood Disorders and Suicide	
9	Eating and Sleep Disorders	
10	Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders	
11	Substance-Related and Impulse-Control Disorders	
12	Personality Disorders	
13	Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders	
14	Developmental and Cognitive Disorders	
15	**FINAL EXAM**	

Assessment methods:

Midterm Exam: 35 %

Final Exam: 45 %

Personal Statement   10 %

Class Participation   5 %

Attendance   5 %

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
1	Examine different concepts in the sub-areas of psychology.					
2	Describe and explain the differences between common sense, religion, art, philosophy and science				x	
3	Learn about the major schools in psychology's history and the current developments					x
4	Apply analytical and critical thinking skills to selected topics					
5	Discuss and criticize ethical issues in psychology research				x	
6	Describe the procedures and principles of psychological measurement and interview techniques					
7	Apply the principles and skills of positivistic methodology within a simple empirical study					x
8	Design and implement a simple action research and an empowerment program					
9	Analyze the coded data by statistical techniques					

10	Use communication skills in class presentations					x
11	Function effectively in multidisciplinary research teams					
12	Develop respect to interpersonal and cultural diversity					
13	Develop self awareness					

Student workload:

	Reading	56 hrs
	Lectures	33 hrs
	Class discussion	5 hrs
	Written assignments	25 hrs
	Examinations	6 hrs
TOTAL ………………………		**125 hrs (25x5) 5 ECTS**

Course Category:

ISCED General Area Codes	General Ares	ISCED Basic Area Codes	Basic Educational Areas	Percentage
1	Education	14	Teacher Training and Educational Sciences	
2	Humanities and Art	21	Art	
2	Humanities and Art	22	Humanities	
3	Social Sciences, Management and Law	31	Social and Behavioral Sciences	60
3	Social Sciences, Management and Law	32	Journalism and Informatics	
3	Social Sciences, Management and Law	38	Law	
4	Science	42	Life Sciences	
4	Science	44	Natural Sciences	
4	Science	46	Mathematics and Statistics	
4	Science	48	Computer	
5	Engineering, Manufacturing and Civil	52	Engineering	
5	Engineering, Manufacturing and	54	Manufacturing and Processing	

	Civil				
5	Engineering, Manufacturing and Civil	58	Architecture and Structure		
6	Agriculture	62	Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock, Fishery		
6	Agriculture	64	Veterinary		
7	Medicine and Welfare	72	Medical	40	
7	Medicine and Welfare	76	Social Services		
8	Service	81	Personal Services		
8	Service	84	Transport Services		
8	Service	85	Environment Protection		
8	Service	86	Security Services		

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