

**NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**  
**Psychology Department**

**PSY U406**  
**Abnormal Psychology**  
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**Texts:** \*Davison, G. C., Neale, J. M., & Kring, A. M. (2004). *Abnormal Psychology*, 9<sup>th</sup> edition. New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

\*Oltmans, T. F., Neale, J. M. & Davison, G. C. (2003). *Case Studies in Abnormal Psychology*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, Wiley.

**Readings**

- \*Assigned Chapters are from Davison, Neale and Kring.
- \*More than half of the chapters in the textbook will be assigned and the material included on exams. For a more inclusive understanding of the field of Abnormal Psychology, students should read all chapters.
- \*Cases are from the Oltmans, et al. case study book.
- \*The Carver & Scheir article will be handed out.
- \*Other short articles may be handed out.

**Exams & Grades**

EXAM I	25%
EXAM II	25%
EXAM III	25%
EXAM IV	25%

- \*You are responsible for material covered in class and for all assigned reading.
- \*Exams will include material from classes, the text, the cases, and articles.
- \*Each exam will take about a half hour to complete.
- \*Exam I will cover 7 classes, 3 chapters, and 1 article,.
- \*Exams II, III & IV will each cover 8-10 classes, 2 chapters and cases.
- \*There will not be a final exam.
- \*Extra credit papers will not be assigned.

## **Make-up Policy**

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- \* You must contact the instructor (voice mail message is fine) if you will be present for an exam. If you contact the instructor or leave a message by the time of the exam and if you have an acceptable reason, you will not be penalized.
  - \* If your message is late you will lose 5 percentage points for each day you are late. (Example: Exam is on Monday--you call on Wednesday: Lose 10 percentage points).
  - \* You may be asked to bring a written medical excuse or request from the Dean to the make-up exam. Please discuss any unusual circumstances with the instructor.
  - \* If you take a make-up exam it may be a different exam than the one given at the regular time.
  - \* A student will be permitted only one make-up exam.

## **Other Course Policies**

- \* Please make sure all cell phones and beepers are turned off during class time. If you have an emergency situation (e.g. sick child) that requires otherwise, please speak to the instructor ahead of time.
- \* Students are expected to arrive at class sessions on time. Students must not enter after 9:30.
- \* If you miss a class session it is your responsibility to obtain any lecture outlines, etc. that were handed out.

**TENTATIVE SYLLABUS**

(Note: --Any changes will be announced in class.)

<b><u>TOPICS AND READINGS</u></b>	<b><u>Tentative Dates</u></b>
I. <b>Introduction to Course</b> <b>What is “Abnormality”?</b> <b>History</b> <i>Ch. 1</i>	1/5 & 1/6
II. <b>Current Paradigms</b> (Theoretical Perspectives on Psychopathology & Therapy) <i>Ch. 2</i>	1/10 & 1/12
III. <b>Classification and Diagnosis</b> <i>Ch. 3</i>	1/12 & 1/13
IV. <b>Anxiety and Defense Mechanisms</b> <i>Carver &amp; Scheir: Mechanisms of Defense</i>	1/19 & 1/20
V. <b>*Anxiety Disorders</b> <i>Ch. 6</i> <i>Cases: #2, 4, 1, 3</i>	1/26 – 2/10
VI. <b>Substance Related Disorders</b> <i>Ch. 12</i> <i>Case #12</i>	2/14 & 2/16
VII. <b>*Schizophrenia</b> <i>Ch. 11</i> <i>Case #10</i>	2/21—3/10 (note: Spring Break is 2/28—3/4)
VIII. <b>Dissociative and Somatoform Disorders</b> <i>Ch. 7</i> <i>Case #6</i>	3/4—3/21
IX. <b>*Mood Disorders</b> <i>Ch 10</i> <i>Cases #7 &amp; 8</i>	3/24—4/6
X. <b>Personality Disorders</b> <i>Ch. 13</i> <i>Cases #19 and 20 (#18 – optional)</i>	4/7 & 4/11

[\*Please note: 3 areas (Anxiety Disorders, Schizophrenia, and Mood Disorders) will be covered in depth. We will spend 6-8 class sessions on each of these areas. We will spend 1-3 classes on each of the other topics.]

**Tentative Exam Dates**

Exam I	1/24	(after Anxiety and Defense Mechanisms)
Exam II	2/18	(after Substance Abuse)
Exam III	3/23	(after Dissociative & Somatoform Disorders)
Exam IV	4/13	(after Personality Disorders)