A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: PSYC 100 General Psychology or equivalent with instructor's consent.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week:

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

This course explores the nature and causes of abnormal behavior and the terminology used in describing and discussing abnormal behavior. Students study the major categories used to classify abnormal behavior and the diagnostic criteria involved.

B. Course Effective Dates: 09/06/1999 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Students will also understand the strengths and limitations of the DSM diagnostic system.
2. Students will be required to evaluate theories and propose alternative explanations for various approaches to psychopathologies based on cultural and social systems.
3. Students will display an understanding of psychopathology, including how it is assessed and treated.
4. Students will learn, from a historical and contemporary perspective, detailed theories of psychopathologies.
5. Students will understand how treatments and assessments are evaluated via research.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
4. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

G. Special Information

None