

**PSYCHOLOGY 325-002
PSYCHOPATHOLOGY
Spring 2024**

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Class Meeting Time and Place: TTh 1:30 - 2:45 PM Art & Design Building L008
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Required Text: Hooley, Jill; Nock, Matthew; Butcher, James (2020) *Abnormal Psychology 18th Edition*, Pearson Education, ISBN-13: 9780137554676

(or possible workable substitute text) Hooley, Jill; Butcher, James; et. al. (2017). *Abnormal Psychology 17th Edition*, Pearson Education ISBN-13: 9780133852059

Course Objective: To develop a working conceptualization and knowledge of psychopathology

Grading Policy: Grades will be determined by **five (5) equally weighted components:** 1) two (2) Regular Exam Grades, 2) the Final Exam Grade, 3) a Term Paper, and 4) Class Participation. Grading scale is as follows: 94-100 A, 90-93 A-, 87-89 B+, 84-86 B, 80-83 B-, 77-79 C+, 74-76 C, 70-73 C-, 60-69 D, 0-59 F.

1. **Regular Class Exams:** The two (2) Regular Class Exams are scheduled and noted in this syllabus. These exams will cover all reading assignments and class discussions to date, but will focus on the preceding segment's material; the exam format will be multiple choice and essay questions. Unless there are truly extraordinary circumstances (legitimate compelling documentation required), no make-up exams will be given.
2. **Final Exam:** The Final Exam is scheduled for Tuesday 05/07/2024 from 1:30 to 4:15 PM. This exam will be cumulative and will cover all class reading materials and discussions; format will be multiple choice and essay questions. University policy regarding Final Exams applies.
3. **Term Paper:** This class requires an original (not recycled), scholarly term paper on a topic pertaining to some aspect of Psychopathology. Term paper topics must be selected, proposed, and approved by the instructor no later than Tuesday 02/29/2024. Term papers must be at least eight (8) double-spaced typed pages (of text) and include at least five (5) quality references. With no exceptions, both a printed hard copy and an electronic/digital file copy (attach ".docx" or ".pdf" file format to jhawley@gmu.edu) of the term paper must be in the possession of the instructor no later than 1:30 PM Tuesday 04/09/2024 of the scheduled PSYC 325-002 class (early completion and submission is appreciated). Resources/Tools for Term Papers: GMU University Libraries (<https://library.gmu.edu>), GMU The Writing Center (<https://writingcenter.gmu.edu>)
4. **Class Participation:** PSYC 325 (Psychopathology) is an intensive clinical psychology class that draws heavily from the instructor's decades of full-time clinical psychology inpatient and outpatient practice for case examples. Obviously, a commitment to regular class attendance is very strongly recommended; participation in class discussions also is strongly encouraged. If you are not in class and participating, you are not learning the material.

Technology: This is an in-person, on campus class. No additional Technology is needed.

Honor Code: GMU has an Honor Code. Students are expected to know, understand, and adhere to this Honor Code. The instructor for this course reserves the right to enter a failing grade to any student found guilty of an honor code violation.

Add/Drop Deadlines: The last day to add this class is 01/23/2024. The last day to drop this class is 02/06/2024.

Students with Disabilities: "If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see your class instructor and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 703-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office." - Official George Mason University Statement

Official Communications via GMU Email: "Mason uses electronic mail to provide official information to students. Examples include communications from course instructors, notices from the library, notices about academic standing, financial aid information, class materials, assignments, questions, and instructor feedback. Students are responsible for the content of university communication sent to their mason email account, and are required to activate that account and check it regularly." - Official George Mason University Statement

Class Cancellation: GMU will announce officially any campus closing due to weather or emergency. In the exceedingly unlikely event that the instructor cancels class, notification will be via email.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Discussion Topics with Corresponding Text Chapter Readings

DATES	TOPICS	TEXT CHAPTERS (Hooley/Butcher)
T 01/16, Th 01/18	Introduction, Overview, History	1, 2, 3
T 01/23, Th 01/25	Assessment and Diagnosis	4
T 01/30, Th 02/01	Personality Disorders	10
T 02/06, Th 02/08	Psychotic Disorders	13
T 02/13, Th 02/15	Neurocognitive Disorders, Substance Use/Abuse Disorders	14, 11
T 02/20, Th 02/22	Somatic Symptom, Factitious, and Dissociative Disorders	8
T 02/27	EXAM 1	
Th 02/29	TERM PAPER TOPIC SELECTION DUE, EXAM 1 Feedback	
T 03/05, Th 03/07	SPRING BREAK (Classes do not meet)	
T 03/12, Th 03/14	Mood Disorders	7
T 03/19, Th 03/21	Anxiety Disorders, OCD, and Stress Disorders	5, 6
T 03/26, Th 03/28	Child/Adolescent Disorders	15
T 04/02, Th 04/04	Eating Disorders and Sexual Disorders	9, 12
T 04/09	ALL TERM PAPERS DUE (NO EXCEPTIONS)	
T 04/09, Th 04/11	Ethics in Psychology “ <i>Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct</i> ” (www.apa.org/ethics/code/)	APA
T 04/16	Legal Issues in Psychology, Review	17
Th 04/18	Research and Review (individual – class does not meet)	
T 04/23	EXAM 2	
Th 04/25	EXAM 2 Feedback, Review for Final Exam, Last Class	
T 05/07/2024 01:30 - 04:15 PM	FINAL EXAM	