Abnormal Psychology PSYC 325 - Online

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**Course Goals:** The purpose of this course is to provide students with an overview of abnormal psychology. The course will begin by discussing the history of abnormal psychology as well as historical methods of disorder treatment. The course will progress to the biological, cognitive, and cultural aspects of multiple disorders as well as the different treatment types used and their effect.

**Course Structure**: This class will consist of four separate quarters of material each of which will last 3-4 weeks. All lectures will be pre-recorded videos found on blackboard that cover the associated PowerPoint slides.

**Course Grading:**

**Introductory Video**: Within the first week of class you are to submit a short introduction video. Specific details for this assignment can be found on blackboard.

**Exams**: There will be four exams in this course taken using the Lockdown Browser with webcam. Each exam will be made up of multiple-choice questions. The lowest of the four exams is dropped when computing the final average. Each of the three exams is worth 13.3% of your grade for a total of 40%

**Mind Tap Assignments:** Mind Tap Mastery and Case Studies will be assigned for covered chapters of the textbook and must be complete before the exam that covers the chapter. There will be 31 total assignments, the lowest 3 of which will be dropped. Mastery assignments will be worth 55% of the final grade

**Grading Scheme:** Exams 40%, MindTap 55%, Intro video 5%

**Late Policy:** All assignments and exams can be completed at any time over a 3-4 week period and as such, late submissions of either will not be accepted late under any circumstances.

**Letter Grade Assignment**: A: 90.0-100 B+: 85.0-89.9 B: 80.0-84.9 C+: 75.0-79.9 C: 70.0-74.9 D: 64.5-69.9 F: <64.5

The numbers in the table are exact and grades will not be rounded; however, exam curving or extra credit may be offered at the sole discretion of the instructor. Extra credit if given will be offered to the entire class and not be granted on an individual basis.

**Official Communications via GMU E-mail**: 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 e-mail account and are required to activate that account and check it regularly.

**Disability Statement**: If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Disability Resource Services (DRS) at 703-993-2474.

**Honor Code Violations:** Any student caught cheating in any way will be reported to the University for breaking the honor code and will be subject to a failing grade in the class.

**Drop Deadline for Winter 2020:** February 12th, 2020

**Class Cancellation Policy:** As a fully online asynchronous course, there are no classes to cancel and assignment due dates are fixed.

**Schedule and Due Dates:**

**Quarter 1 (1/25-2/12)**

Topics Covered: **Ch1**, Abnormal Psychology and life; **Ch2**, Perspectives on Abnormal psychology**; Ch3**, Risk and Prevention of Mental Disorders; **Ch4**, Diagnosis, Assessment, and Study of Mental Disorders

Intro Video Due by Friday, January 29th, 11:59 PM

Q1 Exam and MindTap Assignments due by Friday, February 12th, 11:59 PM

**Quarter 2 (2/15-3/12)**

Video lecture topics: **Ch5,** Anxiety, Obsessive-Compulsive, and Trauma-Related Disorders; **Ch6**, Somatic Symptom and Dissociative Disorders; **Ch7**, Depressive and Bipolar Disorders and Suicide

Q2 Exam and MindTap Assignments due by Friday, March 12, 11:59 PM

**Quarter 3 (3/15-4/9)**

Video lecture topics: **Ch8**, Eating Disorders; **Ch9**, Substance-Related Disorders; **Ch10**, Personality Disorders; **Ch11**, Sexual Dysfunctions, Paraphilic Disorders, and Gender Dysphoria

Q3 Exam and MindTap Assignments due by Friday, April 9th, 11:59 PM

**Quarter 4 (4/12-4/30)**

Video lecture topics: **Ch12**, Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders; **Ch13**, Developmental and Disruptive Behavior disorders; **Ch14**, Neurocognitive Disorders

Q4 Exam and MindTap Assignments by Friday, December 30th, 11:59 PM