

**ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY**  
**PSYB32F**  
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**Textbook:** Sue, D., Sue, D., & Sue, S. (1994). Understanding abnormal behavior (4th ed.). Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company.  
(Required text)

Leavy, R. L. (1994). Study guide: Understanding abnormal behavior (4th ed.). Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company.  
(Recommended text)

### **Course Description**

This course will focus on the description of psychopathology and theory concerning the etiology and treatment of psychiatric and psychological disorders.

### **Evaluation**

There will be three exams. Each exam will have 50 multiple-choice questions (with five alternatives), and will cover readings, lectures, audiovisual presentations, and class discussions. Each exam is designed as a one-hour test, but you will be given two hours (to remove time pressure). All questions will have equal weight and there will be no penalty for guessing, so do not leave blanks.

1. **Exam 1** -- On October 12 (Wednesday night) during the exam period (5:00-7:00 p.m.), there will be an exam on the material covered from September 12 to October 3. The exam will not be held during the regular class time on October 10 due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. This exam will be worth 30% of the final grade.
2. **Exam 2** -- On November 7 (Monday night) during the regular class time, there will be an exam on the material covered from October 17 to October 31. This exam will be worth 30% of the final grade.
3. **Exam 3** -- During the final exam period, there will be an exam on the material covered from November 14 to December 5. This exam will be worth 40% of the final grade.

## General Comments

1. Please be on time for class. We will start at 7:10 p.m. There will be a break at half-time, but you should plan on lectures lasting until 10:00 p.m.
2. Absolute grades are not important in this course. Final grades will be based on relative performance with respect to the rest of the class.
3. Please feel free to visit us in our office hours, especially early in the term. Students tend not to take advantage of the assistance we can offer.
4. The policy regarding missed exams is as follows. Make-up term exams will not be given without a legitimate reason. Under most circumstances, the student is required to present a medical certificate at the time of the make-up, if the exam is missed due to illness. The medical certificate should clearly state that you were unable to write the exam. Make-up exams will be given at 5:00 p.m. on the Monday of the week following the original date of the exam. The location of the make-up will be posted outside of S-637. If the make-up exam is also missed for a legitimate reason, a grade will be assigned based on the student's performance on the other two exams. Make-ups for the final exam are entirely in the hands of the college's Subcommittee on Standing.

## SCHEDULE AND READINGS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Topic</b>
September 12	---	Introduction
September 19	1 2	Abnormal Behavior Biogenic and Psychogenic Models of Abnormal Behavior
September 26	3 4	Behavioral, Cognitive, and Family Systems Models of Psychopathology Assessment and Classification of Abnormal Behavior
October 3	5 20	The Scientific Method in Abnormal Psychology Legal and Ethical Issues in Abnormal Psychology
October 10	---	Thanksgiving Day (No class)
October 12 Wednesday 5:00-7:00 pm.	---	<b>Exam 1</b> (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 20)
October 17	6 7	Anxiety Disorders Dissociative Disorders and Somatoform Disorders
October 24	8 16	Psychological Factors Affecting Medical Conditions Cognitive Disorders
October 31	9 10	Personality Disorders and Impulse Control Disorders Substance-Related Disorders
November 7	---	<b>Exam 2</b> (Chapters 6, 7, 8, 16, 9, 10)
November 14	12 13	Mood Disorders Suicide
November 21	14 15	Schizophrenia: Diagnosis and Symptoms Schizophrenia: Etiology and Treatment
November 28	17 11	Disorders of Childhood and Adolescence and Mental Retardation Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders
December 5	18	Individual and Group Therapy
Final Exam Period	---	<b>Exam 3</b> (Chapters 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 11, 18)