



psychosis is a loss of touch with reality, and is the hallmark of the disorder called schizophrenia. Schizophrenia probably has strong biological roots, but can be influenced by environmental stress. Moreover, people with personality disorders maintain a consistent personality style, but it is a highly maladaptive style for them and for people around them. Substance use disorders similarly involve specific maladaptive behaviors and can have negative effects in many domains of life. Finally, cognitive disorders that are progressive in nature (e.g., Alzheimer's disease, frontotemporal dementia, progressive aphasia, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, progressive supranuclear palsy, and multiple sclerosis) can have crippling effects and are becoming ever more prevalent given the burgeoning elderly population.

After reviewing the aforementioned disorders and understanding the nature of methodology, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment, it is hoped that this course will better able the student to answer the question "what is abnormality?"

## **Important Notes:**

Every effort will be made to post the Lecture Slides on the course web-page prior to each lecture. However, on occasion, Lecture Slides will be posted following the lecture should there be any server problems (which has happened in the past).

Also, please note that if for any reason (e.g., snow-storm cancellation, unexpected illness) a lecture is cancelled because of an unforeseen circumstance, students are still responsible for the material that was to be presented in the lecture. Moreover, if a lecture is cancelled, please note, that the lecture will be made available on-line.

Lastly, there will be a handful of persons invited to give brief talks/demonstrations of their work as it relates to course content. To this end, prior to each visit, I will announce the content of the talk/demonstration. These health care professionals and former students will join us to share their experience and understanding of specific course content, and it is important that you attend. However, there may be some content that some individuals might find offensive—such is the case when our topic is abnormal psychology, and if this is such to anyone, you will not be penalized should you wish to leave a lecture. Again, these talks/demonstrations are meant to help you answer the question "what is abnormality?"

## **Textbook:**

### **Abnormal Psychology (Fourth Canadian Edition)**

By: Gerald C. Davidson, John M. Neale, Kirk R. Blankstein & Gordon L. Flett

- *The study guide is highly recommended*

## Grading Scheme:

### (1) First Examination worth 40% of your final grade

- *Your 1<sup>st</sup> examination will consist of 80 multiple-choice questions.*

### (2) Second Examination worth 30% of your final grade

- *Your 2<sup>nd</sup> examination will consist of 60 multiple-choice questions.*

### (3) Your **Final Examination** is worth 30% of your final grade

- *Your final examination will consist of 60 multiple-choice questions.*

## Important Dates: 2012 Fall Session

Friday, August 17	Last day to pay fees.
Monday, September 3	Labour Day - University closed.
Monday, September 10	Classes begin in F and Y courses.
Sunday, September 16	Last day for students writing deferred examinations in December to adjust their current course load (on ROSI only).
Sunday, September 23	Last day to add F and Y courses (on ROSI only).
Monday, October 8	Thanksgiving Day - University closed.
Monday, November 19	Last day to drop F courses without academic penalty and have them removed from the transcript.
Monday, December 3	Last day of classes and last day for submission of term assignments in F courses.
Tuesday, December 4 - Thursday, December 6	Study Break.
Tuesday, December 4 - Friday, December 21	2012 Summer deferred examinations.
Thursday, December 6	Last day to drop UTSC F courses (on eService only) and have them remain on the transcript with a grade of LWD indicating withdrawal without academic penalty. After this date grades are recorded on transcripts whether course work is completed or not (with a '0' assigned for incomplete work) and they are calculated into GPAs. ( <b>Note:</b> See <a href="http://www.uts.utoronto.ca/registrar">www.uts.utoronto.ca/registrar</a> for LWD dates for courses on other campuses.)
Friday, December 7 - Friday, December 21	Final examinations in F courses.
Monday, December 24 -	December break - University closed.

Friday, January 4	
Friday, February 15	Last day to confirm intention to graduate at the 2013 Spring Convocation.

**\*NOTE: Students with a disability/health consideration are encouraged to approach me and/or the AccessAbility Services Office @287-7560. They can also drop by the office, S302B, inside the Resource Centre. The Coordinator is available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations.**

# Lecture Dates & Readings:

## September 11:

Welcome; Course Description and Requirements & Questions Answered

**Readings:** Chapter 1: Introduction, Definitional and Historical Considerations

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## September 18:

**Readings:** Chapter 2: Current Paradigms and the Role of Cultural Factors

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## September 25:

**Readings:**  
Chapter 3: Classification and Diagnosis  
Chapter 5: Research Methods in the Study of Abnormal Psychology

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## October 2:

**Readings:** Chapter 4: Clinical Assessment Procedures

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**October 9:**

**First Examination worth 40 % of your final grade**

The exam will consist of 80 multiple choice questions from chapters 1-5. Details regarding the time, location and room assignments will be posted on the intranet one week prior.

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**October 16:**

***Readings:*** Chapter 7: Somatoform and Dissociative Disorders  
Chapter 6: Anxiety Disorders

Guest: Christopher Rodriguez, Gestalt Institute

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**October 23:**

***Readings:*** Chapter 8: Mood Disorders  
Chapter 10: Eating Disorders

Guest: Nancy / Luc

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**October 30:**

***Readings:*** Chapter 14: Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders

PLEASE NOTE: THIS CLASS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE ONLINE. There is no In-Class lecture this week.

Guest: James Cantor, Ph.D., CAMH Scientist. (\*Please note the content of this lecture may offend some. You have been forewarned).

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**November 6:**

**Second Examination worth 30% of your final grade**

The exam will consist of 60 multiple choice questions from chapters 6, 7, 8, 10 and 14. Details regarding the time, location and room assignments will be posted on the intranet one week prior.

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**November 13:**

***Readings:*** Chapter 11: Schizophrenia

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**November 20:**

*Readings:* Chapter 12: Substance Related Disorders  
Chapter 13: Personality Disorders

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**November 27:**

*Readings:* Chapter 16: Aging and Psychological Disorders

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**December 7-21: Final Examination Period**

**Your Final Examination is worth 30% of your final grade and will consist of 60 multiple-choice questions. You will be tested on material from chapters 11, 12, 13 and 16.**

As soon as they are finalized, examination schedules are posted on the web at: <http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/registrar>