



National Taiwan University of Science and Technology

2020 Summer Program

PSY 220 Abnormal Psychology

Course Outline

Term: June 01-July 03,2020

Course Code: PSY 220

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Credit: 4

Course Description: This course provides an introductory look at mental disorders, or different common ways in which emotion, cognition, and/or behavior can cause impairment or distress. Students will learn the categories and descriptions of the leading mental disorders, the different theoretical models explaining the causes of the disorders, and the empirical evidence linking biological, cognitive, emotional, behavioral, and sociocultural factors with each disorder. In addition, students will learn how mental disorders are assessed in individual cases, and the leading evidence-based methods of treatment, and how to use critical reasoning skills to apply theoretical concepts and empirical evidence to the understanding of mental health issues, including hypothetical clinical cases.

Required Textbooks: Nolen-Hoeksema, S. (2020). *Abnormal Psychology* (8th Edition). New York, McGraw Hill Education. ISBN 9781260500189.

Grading & Evaluation:

Grades will be distributed as 90-100%=A, 80-89%=B, 70-79%=C, 60-69%=D; and below 60% = F.

Assignments and Essays (30%) – there will be multiple assignments and essays pertaining to theories covered in the class through the semester.



Midterm exam (30%) – will be multiple choice questions given at the end of week 3 to cover all materials previously studied.

Final exam (40%) – will be multiple choice questions given at the end of week 5 to cover all materials previously studied.

Course Schedule:

Week1

Session 1: Looking at Abnormality

Session 2: Theories and Treatment of Abnormality I

Session 3: Theories and Treatment of Abnormality II

Session 4: Assessing and Diagnosing Abnormality

Week2

Session 1: Research Method

Session 2: Trauma, Anxiety, Obsessive-Compulsive, and Related Disorders I

Session 3: Trauma, Anxiety, Obsessive-Compulsive, and Related Disorders II

Session 4: Somatic Symptom and Dissociative Disorders

Week3

Session 1: Mood Disorders and Suicide I

Session 2: Mood Disorders and Suicide II

Session 3: Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders I

Session 4: Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders II

Midterm

Week4

Session 1: Personality Disorders I

Session 2: Personality Disorders II



Session 3: Neurodevelopmental and Neurocognitive Disorders

Session 4: Disruptive, Impulse-Control, and Conduct Disorders

Week5

Session 1: Eating Disorders

Session 2: Sexual Disorders and Gender Diversity

Session 3: Substance Use and Gambling Disorders

Session 4: Health Psychology

Final Exam

