



University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code PSYM-665	Course Title Clinical Psychology of Learning Disabilities	ECTS credits 7.5
Department Social Sciences	Semester Fall OR Spring	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Major Electives	Field Clinical Psychology	Language of Instruction English
Year of Study 2 nd OR 3 rd	Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Lecturer(s) Charles Spirrison, PhD

Course Description:

This course focuses on the behaviour and the disorders/syndromes relevant to mental retardation. Methods of assessment using psychometric tools and behavioural treatments will be presented and examined. Special emphasis will be given on the reduction of challenging behaviours and rehabilitation. are also presented.

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes:

The main objectives of the course is

- Introduce students to behaviour and disorders/syndromes relevant to mental retardation.
- Familiarise students with methods of assessment using observational techniques and psychometric tools
- Introduce to students to behavioral programmes in reducing challenging behaviours.

Course Contents::

- Introduction to Learning Disabilities. Assessment and diagnosis
- Syndromes highly linked to mental retardation.
- Assessing abilities of people with learning abilities
- Types of Challenging behaviours. Their role as a mean of communication
- Behavioural Programmes: Observations/records/formulating/designing programmes/recording change
- Normalisation: Care in the Community.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures and Assignments

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Lecture Notes			
Review Articles			

Assessment Methods:

1	Mid-Term Exam	
2	Final Exam	
3	Assignment	