



UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code SOWK-240	Course Title Abnormal Psychology	ECTS Credits 6
Department Social Sciences	Semester Fall 2010	Prerequisites PSY-110
Type of Course Psychology	Field Psychology	Language of Instruction Greek
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 2 nd	Lecturer(s) Dr Maria Georgiou
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face/e-learning	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

1. Presentation of the most representative disorders as defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th edition (DSM-IV).
2. Introducing an overview of the field of abnormal psychology and the major psychological disorders.
3. Provide students with the causes of abnormal behavior from a number of different approaches
4. Inform students about treatment, intervention and prevention.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Explain the field of abnormal psychology and the major psychological problems and disorders.
2. Differentiate the multiple causes of psychopathology as viewed from a number of different theoretical perspectives.
3. Identify the interplay of biological, social, and psychological factors in mental disorders.

Course Contents:

1. Abnormal Psychology in Historical Context.
2. Clinical Assessment, Diagnosis, and Research Methods.
3. Anxiety Disorders.
4. Somatoform and Dissociative Disorders.
5. Mood Disorders and Suicide.
6. Eating and Sleep Disorders.
7. Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders.
8. Substance-Related Disorders.
9. Personality Disorders.
10. Schizophrenia and Related Psychotic Disorders

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Assignments

Assessment Methods:

Mid-Term, Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Durand, V.M., Barlow, D.H.	Essentials of Abnormal Psychology	Wadsworth	2006	0495-09161-8

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Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
APA	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders	APA	2004	0-890420-0 25-4