



**ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY (ISC 236A)
KU INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CAMPUS**

6 Week, Period 1 Mon-Thu 9:00AM-10:40AM (South Korean Time; Lecture room: TBD)
Summer, 2023

I. Instructor

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II. Course Description and Objectives: This course is designed to investigate the scientific study of abnormal thoughts, feelings, and behaviors in human beings that cause distress and impairment. We will begin the course by considering the history of the field and ways of defining and diagnosing, assessing, and treating human abnormality in a general sense. We then move on to study a variety of specific mental disorders (e.g., anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, mood disorders and schizophrenia) with an emphasis on the DSM-5 criteria and some etiological theories (theories of cause) for each disorder studied.

III. Course Policy:

- Attendance: Attendance at lectures is required and there will be material on exams covered in class but not in your textbook. If you have a valid reason to miss the class, send me an email ***BEFORE*** the class. Please be on time.
- Cheating and Plagiarism: Failing grade (F) for the entire course. Cheating, for example, includes sharing exam questions or answers or communicating with other students during exams.
- All mobile phones must be off or on “mute” during class time.

IV. Required Textbook: Comer, R.J. (2016). Fundamentals of Abnormal Psychology, 8th edition, Worth Publishing: NY. ISBN-13: 978-1464176975

V. Grading

Exams	:	<p>100% (total of 300 max points) (There are 4 exams. Lowest exam score of the 4 exams will be dropped, and your top 3 exam scores will be used for a maximum of 300 total points).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No make up exams will be allowed for any reason; However, since the lowest of the 4 grades is dropped, you can use a missed exam score of zero as your dropped score. 																		
Extra credit (for attending a lecture and writing a brief reaction paper) (OPTIONAL)	:	<p>If you attend the lecture (July 19, 5:00) and write at least a 2 paragraph reaction paper and email it by July 22 to ncf2@case.edu you will receive 9 bonus points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember to include your name, KU ID, and class section on the email. This will be a talk by a North Korean defector, as well as some information on PSCORE organization (a nongovernmental organization with consultative status to the United Nations which aims to raise awareness of human rights issues, performs some rescue operations, and also offers educational support to defectors). 																		
Extra credit (for completing a research survey) (OPTIONAL)	:	<p>If you complete the survey (web link provided later) by July 22 and include KU student ID and class section you will earn 9 extra credit bonus points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The topics included in the survey are personality, creativity, sleep, and attitudes towards mental health. Your specific responses will be anonymous to me, and all I will know is whether your ID has completed the survey. 																		
Additional Notes		<p>Maximum points available to earn for class = 318 (top 3 tests plus 9 points for each of the two different extra credit options). Course Average will be determined by adding your top three test scores plus extra credit points, then divided by 300 points. Grades will be posted by student ID.</p> <p>Grading scale:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>100 to 95</td> <td>A+</td> </tr> <tr> <td>94 to 90</td> <td>A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>89 to 85</td> <td>B+</td> </tr> <tr> <td>84 to 80</td> <td>B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>79 to 75</td> <td>C+</td> </tr> <tr> <td>74 to 70</td> <td>C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>69 to 65</td> <td>D+</td> </tr> <tr> <td>64 to 60</td> <td>D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>59 to 0</td> <td>F</td> </tr> </table>	100 to 95	A+	94 to 90	A	89 to 85	B+	84 to 80	B	79 to 75	C+	74 to 70	C	69 to 65	D+	64 to 60	D	59 to 0	F
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VI. Class outline

Class	Date	Lecture content	Reading
	June 27	No class- orientation	
1	June 28	Course Overview, Defining Abnormal Psychology, History of Study of	Chapter 1

		Abnormal Psychology	
2	June 29	Models of Abnormality	Chapter 3
3	June 30	Clinical Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment	Chapter 4
4	July 3	Exam I (Ch. 1, 3, 4 plus lecture)	
5	July 4	Mood disorders	Chapter 8
6	July 5	Mood disorders	Chapter 8/9
7	July 6	Mood disorders	Chapter 9
8	July 10	Anxiety	Chapter 5
9	July 11	Anxiety	Chapter 5/6
10	July 12	Anxiety	Chapter 6
11	July 13	Exam II (Ch. 5,6, 8,9 plus lecture)	Chapter 6
12	July 17	Eating disorders and weight	Chapter 11
13	July 18	Eating Disorders and weight	Chapter 11
14	July 19	Substance Use	Chapter 12
15	July 20	Substance Use	Chapter 12
16	July 24	Exam III (Ch. 11, 12 plus lecture)	
17	July 25	Dissociative Disorder	Chapter 7
18	July 26	Psychotic Disorders and Schizophrenia	Chapter 14
19	July 27	Psychotic Disorders and Schizophrenia	Chapter 15
20	July 31	Review session for exam	
21	Aug 1	Exam IV (Ch. 7, 14, 15)	
22	Aug 2	Exam review and grades	
23	Aug 3	Graduation Day (Available both Online/Offline) Optional: Contact professor if you would like to meet ncf2@case.edu	

Academic Integrity Academic freedom is a fundamental right in any institution of higher learning. Honesty and integrity are necessary preconditions of this freedom. Academic integrity requires that all academic work be wholly the product of an identified individual or individuals. Joint efforts are legitimate only when the assistance of others is explicitly acknowledged. Ethical conduct is the obligation of every member of the University community, and breaches of academic integrity constitute serious offenses and the university policies will be followed if breaches do occur. *For example, in this class, you may NOT share exam material (questions or answers) with others. Cheating will result in an F for the class. Please do not use your phone during class to text, play games, or anything else. If you have your phone in class to class, please have it off or muted. If you are using your laptop, you should be looking at class slides.*