

Master Course Syllabus

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PSY 212 ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY

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| Course Number | PSY 212 |
| Course Title | Abnormal Psychology |
| Credit Hours | 3 |
| Prerequisites | None |
| Course Description | This course is a study of the nature and development of behavioral disorders, including the investigation of contemporary treatment procedures. |
| Course Objectives | Defining mental disorder; History of psychopathology; Evolution of contemporary thought; Current paradigms in psychopathology- genetic, neuroscience, cognitive-behavioral; factors that cut across paradigms; diathesis-stress: An integrative paradigm. Diagnosis and assessment of psychological disorders; Reliability and validity: Cornerstones of diagnosis and assessment; classification and diagnosis; psychological assessment, cultural and ethnic diversity and assessment; research methods in psychopathology. Clinical descriptions and epidemiology of mood disorders; etiology of mood disorders; treatment of mood disorders; suicide. Clinical descriptions of the anxiety disorders; etiology of specific anxiety disorders; etiology of the anxiety disorders, common risk factors across the anxiety disorders; gender and socio-cultural factors in the anxiety disorders; treatments of the anxiety disorders. Obsessive-compulsive and Related disorders; Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Acute Stress Disorder. Clinical descriptions of schizophrenia; Etiology of Schizophrenia; Treatment of schizophrenia; Dissociative Disorders and Somatic Symptom Disorders; Somatic Symptom Disorders: Treatment of dissociative and somatic disorders. Clinical description, prevalence, and effects of substance use disorders; Etiology of substance use disorders; Treatment of |

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| | <p>substance use disorders; Prevention of substance use disorders. Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder; Conduct Disorder; Depression and anxiety in children and adolescents' Autism Spectrum Disorders.</p> <p>The steps of personality assessment in DSM-IV-TR and the proposed DSM-V; Personality disorder types; Treatment of personality disorders Sexual norms and behavior; Paraphilic disorders.</p> |
| Course Developer | Dr. Glenn Clingempeel |
| Means of Instruction | Lectures, discussions, and experiential exercises |
| Required Textbook/Written Materials/Supplies | <i>See Booklist online for current book.</i> |

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General Education Core Competencies

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| <p>Communication: Students will be able to communicate effectively through reading, writing, speaking and listening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare written documents in a professional manner.• Develop oral communication skills to present information in a professional and appropriate manner.• Demonstrate appropriate listening skills in one-on-one and small and large group settings. | <p>Facilitate productive class discussions of course content, using these discussions to elucidate course content, illustrate diversity of ideas, and foster respect for individuals and their ideas despite differences of opinion.</p> |

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| <p>Mathematical Reasoning: Students will apply those mathematical skills appropriate to their program of study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyze and solve mathematical problems needed in the workplace, daily life and educational environment.• Interpret data using analytical methods. | |
| <p>Critical Thinking: Students will employ effective processes for resolving problems and making decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify problems and potential causes.• Solve problems using basic research, analysis and interpretation.• Evaluate results of solutions and revise strategies as indicated by findings. | <p>Expose students to different methods for critically evaluating social science hypotheses and theories. Illustrate those ideas about what to study and how to conduct good research may depend upon underlying philosophies of science, disciplinary biases, and the values of the investigator.</p> <p>Elucidate and focus substantial attention on the <u>major</u> controversies and debates in order to instill “The Big Picture.” Show how specific research projects influence and are influenced by these overarching issues.</p> <p>Promote creative thinking and moving beyond “conceptual ruts”. Show how specific paradigms and derivative theories may yield “limited “conceptions of “truth.” Stimulate thinking about rapprochement/integrative models and strategies of theory development (e.g., inductive and deductive approaches).</p> |

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| <p>Technology Utilization: Students will apply knowledge of computers on a level compatible with job and/or educational demands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a basic knowledge of computer applications including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, and presentation software. • Use basic operating system functions competently (e.g. store and retrieve data, load software). • Demonstrate communication and research skills through use of the internet. | <p>Use class demonstrations and role-play to demonstrate social science principles. Emphasize advances in modern technology for obtaining and presenting information i.e. internet searches, multimedia presentations and etc.</p> |
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| <p>Interpersonal Skills: Students will deal effectively and appropriately with others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interact well with individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds and cultures. • Work with others in situational analysis, problem solving, and task accomplishment. • Demonstrate respect for the rights, work, and views of others. | <p>Establish a classroom atmosphere characterized by respect, courtesy, and concern for students and their unique strengths and weaknesses.</p> <p>Sensitize students to individual differences and commonalities associated with gender, race/ethnicity, social context, and culture.</p> |
| <p>Professionalism: Students will exhibit professionalism through observances of a code of ethics, a sense of responsibility, good habits, and a positive attitude.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate personal and business integrity and ethics. • Recognize, manage, and cope with the transitions of change. • Utilize informational resources for lifelong learning. | <p>Outline and reinforce clear and consistent expectations and guidelines regarding both course requirements and classroom conduct.</p> <p>Help students learn in ways that make a sustained, substantial, and positive influence on how they think, act, and feel. Have a goal to make a class not just a class, but a transformative life experience. Turn on students to psychology and related disciplines.</p> |

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College Policies

| Policy Type | Policy Description |
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| Attendance Policy | <p>Williamsburg Technical College does not require specific attendance in a course. Acknowledging that participation supports student success in coursework, however, individual instructors may set attendance guidelines for the course. Those specific guidelines must be included in the course syllabus. (<i>See Syllabus Addendum provided by the instructor.</i>)</p> <p>In addition, students must attend during the first two weeks of class or inform the instructor of their intent to attend to remain on the class roster. If no prior arrangements have been made and the student does not attend during the first two weeks following the semester start date, the student will be dropped as a “no show” from that course following the second week of class.</p> <p>Class rosters will be final as of the end of the second week of classes.</p> <p>Students may withdraw from a class at any time by completing a withdrawal form in the Student Services Office. A student can only receive a “WP” grade if withdrawal is completed in the Student Services Office prior to the last date to receive a “WP” grade published in the academic calendar. Students who fail to withdraw by the specified time will receive a letter grade for the course. For specific procedures related to this policy, refer to WTC Procedure D-23.1.</p> |
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| Policy for Students with Disabilities | <p>The Student Affairs Division provides counseling and support services which help students with disabilities to pursue academic programs of their choice and participate fully in campus life.</p> <p>The AVP for Student Affairs can arrange counseling, special parking, priority registration, and other reasonable services needed by students with disabilities. Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the AVP for Student Affairs to discuss needs and concerns as they arise.</p> |
| Policy for Academic Misconduct | All forms of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on tests, plagiarism, collusion, and falsification of information will call for discipline. See the Student Code & Grievance Procedure in the Williamsburg Technical College Catalog for details. |

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| Grading Policy | <p>The College operates on the semester hour system, and the following symbols are used in grading:</p> <p>A-- Excellent B -- Above Average C -- Average D -- Passing F -- Failure I -- Incomplete WF -- Withdrawal while failing WP -- Withdrawal while passing</p> |
| Policy for Class Safety and Emergencies | <p>Injuries must be reported to the AVP for Student Affairs immediately. Insurance claim forms are available in the Student Affairs division. Please refer to the college catalogue for more information on how Williamsburg Technical College addresses safety and emergency issues. For additional information, contact Student Affairs at 843.355.4162.</p> <p>Students taking coursework at off-site locations are responsible for reading and adhering to all safety instructions and guidance at the off-site location.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Health Services and First Aid</p> <p>Williamsburg Technical College is a commuter institution; therefore, infirmary facilities are not provided. Basic first aid for minor injuries is available, and first aid kits are located in various departments of the College. Major illness or injury will be treated by health professionals. The campus is located adjacent to Williamsburg Regional Hospital.</p> <p>Each student is covered by accident insurance at no additional cost. This group insurance covers the student while on campus and during college-sponsored group travel.</p> |