

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Course Syllabus, Fall, 2023 (0625)
CLP 2140: Abnormal Psychology, Section 104

Semester Dates: August 14—December 7, 2023

Credit Hours: 3

Modality:

Face2Face

Room, LY228

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:00-9:15 am

INSTRUCTOR

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OFFICE HOURS

I am in my office by 7:00 am, Monday—Thursday. I am also available immediately after class. I have virtual hours available on Friday morning. A full list of available times can be found posted on my office door. It's preferred for you to schedule a time. Just send me an email, and we'll quickly lock down a time to meet.

PREREQUISITES

PSY 1012, PSY 1020H or IDS 1610

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Prerequisite: PSY 1012 or PSY 1020H. This course is an examination of the major categories of psychological disorders. Diagnostic criteria and treatment methods applicable to psychological disorders are studied. This course has a substantial writing requirement. 47 contact hours.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. The student will acquire knowledge of behavior terminology associated with psychological disorders as evidenced by the student defining terms such as: symptom, syndrome, etiology, prognosis, diagnosis, or other relevant terms used in assessment and treatment of psychological disorders.
2. The student will demonstrate understanding of diagnostic methods.
 - a. The student will differentiate among the major techniques used in the psychodiagnostic process.
 - b. The student will classify psychological tests used in the diagnostic process.
3. The student will demonstrate major therapeutic approaches in the treatment of psychological disorders.
 - a. The student will examine the psychoanalytic, humanistic, behaviorist, and somatic models of therapy
 - b. The student will be able to recognize a treatment modality effective with a specific category of psychological disorder.
 - c. The Student will explain the difference between an institution and a therapeutic community.
4. The student will demonstrate knowledge of major categories of mental disorders based upon criteria established by the American Psychiatric Association and other national professional organizations. Based

upon etiology, symptoms, syndromes, and treatment approaches, the student will identify the following major categories of mental disorders:

- a. Disorders of infancy, childhood, and adolescence
- b. Anxiety, somatoform, and dissociative disorders
- c. Substance related disorders
- d. Organic mental disorders
- e. Personality disorders
- f. Mood disorders
- g. Sexual and gender identity disorders.

REQUIRED READING

American Psychiatric Association. (2022). *The Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, 5th ed/Text revision*. Author.

Additional reading will be provided.

An electronic copy of the *DSM* is available without cost through SPC's online library. Additionally, a PDF copy of other required essays has been posted in our MyCourses shell. There is no textbook required to be purchased for this class. Should a student elect to purchase a hard copy of the *DSM-5/TR*, the college bookstore can assist.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

The final grade in this course will be based on four examinations and ten quizzes.

Examinations

There are four essay exams. Each exam is worth 100 points. The exams are "take home;" the student will be provided at least 10 days to complete the exam. Some of the exams may require having to watch a film. Students will need to make arrangements outside of class to view the assigned films. (Please note: Some of the films may contain adult themes, language, etc. It is the student's responsibility to notify the professor if the assigned film is offensive and an alternative assignment needs to be provided.)

Quizzes

There are ten quizzes (each worth 10 points) based on required reading assignments. These will be completed outside of class. They are not timed; two attempts are permitted.

Grading

Assignment	Each Worth	# of	Total
Exams	100 points	4	400 points
Quizzes	10 points	10	100 points
			= 500 pts

A (90-100%)	450—500 points
B (80-89%)	400—449 points
C (70-79%)	350—399 points
D (60-69%)	300—349 points
F (59% or less)	299 points or less

POLICY ON PLAGIARISM

Any written reports and tests are expected to reflect each individual's own knowledge. Any plagiarism will result in an automatic "F" grade for the course. In addition, the instructor will notify the office of the Dean.

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

Attendance is an essential part of the learning experience and is required in this class. Attendance will be taken at the start of class. Students will only be allowed two weeks' worth of absences—regardless of the reason. (For instance, if the class only meets twice a week, four absences are allowed.) For a student to be considered as "actively participating in class," he or she cannot miss more than two weeks' worth of class and/or miss two assignments.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Required Reading</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Important Note</u>
August 14	1- Riddles in Art, Science & Psychotherapy 2- Mental Illness as Snuffleupagus	What is Mental Illness	Quiz 1, Friday	Drop date, 8/18
August 21	DSM/Section I, Introduction & Use of the Manual	Overview of the DSM-5	Quiz 2, Friday	
August 28	Primordial Soup Tastes Like Psychological Theory	Theory		
September 4	Trial by Science	Treatment	Quiz 3, Friday Exam 1, Sunday	9/4, Mon., College Closed for Labor Day
September 11	DSM/Sec. II, Schizophrenia Spectrum ...Disorders	Schizophrenia	Quiz 4, Friday	
September 18	DSM/Sec. II, Depressive Disorders	Depression		
September 25	1- DSM/Sec II, Sleep-Wake Disorders 2- DSM/Sec II, Bipolar Disorders	Sleep & Bipolar disorders		
October 2	1- DSM/Sec II, Anxiety Disorders 2- DSM, Sec II, Trauma-& Stressor-Related Disorders	Anxiety & Trauma	Quiz 5, Friday	
October 9	DSM, Sec II, Neurocognitive disorders	Alzheimer's disease	Quiz 6, Friday Exam 2, Sunday	
October 16	1- DSM, Sec I, Cautionary Statement for Forensic Use 2- Mrs. Sullivan: A Cause study	Forensic Psychology		
October 23	DSM, Sec II, Sexual dysfunctions, Gender dysphoria, & Paraphilic disorders	Sexual Disorders	Quiz 7, Friday	10/28, Last Day to Withdraw
October 30	DSM, Sec II, Substance-Related ...Disorders	Substance Abuse & Treating Pain	Quiz 8, Tuesday Quiz 9, Friday	10/31, Tue, No Class, Discovery Day
November 6	DSM, Sec II, Neurodevelopmental disorders	ADHD	Exam # 3, Sunday	11/10, Fri, College Closed for Veterans Day
November 13		The Nature of Private Practice in a Post-Covid World		
November 20				College Closed Mon—Fri, Thanksgiving
November 27	DSM, Sec II, Personality Disorders	Personality Disorders	Quiz 10, Friday	
December 4			Exam 4, Monday	