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*To get to my office in Nightingale Hall, take the elevator up to the fourth floor. When you get off the elevator, walk straight to the door, and pick up the phone on the wall to your left. Dial x3799. I will come let you in.

Required Texts:


*I would recommend purchasing the package at the bookstore, which has the text and casebook, plus a free electronic supplement (LaunchPad). (ISBN: 9781319037437). The electronic supplement is required for this course.

Course Description: Surveys patterns of psychological abnormality. Addresses diagnosis, theoretical perspectives, anxiety, and defense mechanisms. Examines the symptomatology, etiology, and treatment of a number of disorders, including anxiety, dissociative, somatoform, mood, and schizophrenic disorders. Prereq. PSYC 1101.

Lectures: Lectures will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1:35pm to 2:40pm. Students are strongly encouraged to attend all lectures. Please make every attempt to be on time for the lectures. Arriving late/leaving early is very disruptive to the students around you. Additionally, once you come to class, you are expected to remain. Please make sure you take care of all personal business (including getting food, bathroom breaks, etc) prior to the start of class.

Laptop use: Laptops are not permitted to be used during lectures. The only exception to this is for students who provide me with documentation from the DRC that states laptop use is necessary.

Blackboard Access: All lectures will be presented on PowerPoint slides. These slides will be posted on Blackboard. All efforts will be made to post these notes prior to class. However, at times they may be posted after class, due to unforeseen circumstances. You can access these slides at the following address:
http://blackboard.neu.edu. Also, homework assignments and classroom announcements will be posted at this site. Please make it a habit to check for announcements.

**Class Organization:** There will be three exams. The third exam will be given during finals week. Brief thought papers also will be assigned throughout the course. Discussion on class topics will also be a requirement. Additionally, students are required to complete assignments on LaunchPad.

**Thought Papers and Discussion:** Brief 2 to 3 page thought papers will be assigned throughout the course. Discussion on class topics will also be a requirement. Thought Papers and Discussion will account for 20% of your grade.

**Grades:** Each of the three exams will contribute 22% towards the class grade (for a total of approximately 67% of the total grade). The thought papers (30 points each) will comprise approximately 20% of your grade. Completion of LaunchPad assignments (for a total of 60 points) will comprise approximately 13% of your grade. The grading scale will be as follows:

- A = 94 – 100
- A- = 90 – 93
- B+ = 87 – 89
- B = 84 – 86
- B- = 80 – 83
- C+ = 77 – 79
- C = 74-76
- C- = 70 – 73
- D+ = 67 – 69
- D = 64 - 66
- D- = 60 – 63
- F <= 59

**Make-up policy:** A student will be permitted a make-up exam if s/he has an illness or emergency situation that results in him/her not being able to make the exam as scheduled. *You must contact the instructor within 24 hours after missing the exam via email. If you do not contact the instructor within 24 hours, you will not be able to take the make-up exam.* Students will be allowed only one make-up exam (unless there is documentation from the university, such as the DRC or We Care, indicating a chronic illness, or if it is related to scheduled sporting events). For non-emergency situations (e.g., sport events), the student must contact Dr. Cisewski via email prior to missing a scheduled test. If not, then the student might not be permitted to take a make-up test.

*All make-up tests will be given on the last day of class (12/7/16). The make-up exam may be of a different format than the original exam, and thus may appear to be more difficult.*

**Snow Days:** If the University officially closes due to inclement weather, any scheduled exam or assignment for that day will be postponed until the next day of class. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**Final Exam:** If there is a conflict in your final exam schedule (i.e., having 3 or more exams scheduled on the same day or having two exams scheduled at the same time), you must submit a “Final Exam Conflict Form,” with the Registrar’s Office by **September 30, 2016.** Please make sure your travel plans take into account when the final exam is scheduled. Alternative dates for finals WILL NOT be offered due to travel plans.

**Classroom etiquette:** As a consideration to the instructor and your fellow students please turn all cell phones to the silent mode, or off, before entering the classroom. If you have an emergency situation that requires you to keep your cell phone on, please inform me at the beginning of class. Also, refrain from talking to one another during class. This can be very distracting to the other students in class.
Course Withdrawal: If you choose to withdraw from this course, please fill out the appropriate form at the Registrar’s Office. *The last day to drop a course without a “W” grade is September 27, 2016. The last day to drop a course with a “W” grade is December 8, 2016.* Incompletes will only be considered when provided with a valid medical/personal excuse. *Not doing well in the course is NOT a valid excuse to receive an incomplete.*

Academic Integrity: It is the responsibility of each individual student to achieve the highest standards of academic integrity. [http://www.northeastern.edu/osccr/academicintegrity/](http://www.northeastern.edu/osccr/academicintegrity/). Also, refer to your NU Student Handbook. [http://www.northeastern.edu/admissions/undergradhandbook/](http://www.northeastern.edu/admissions/undergradhandbook/). Lapses in such integrity (i.e., cheating, plagiarism, etc.) will not be tolerated and will result in appropriate course penalties and referral to the Student Judiciary.

Tentative Syllabus (any changes will be announced in class)

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M  10/17  Anxiety, Obsessive-Compulsive, and Related Disorders  Chapter 5
W  10/19  Disorders of Trauma and Stress  Chapter 6
   *Case 4 in Casebook and Handout*
R  10/20  Disorders of Trauma and Stress  Chapter 6

**WEEK 8**
M  10/24  Disorders of Trauma and Stress  Chapter 6
W  10/26  Depressive and Bipolar Disorders  Chapter 7
   *Cases 5 and 6 in Casebook*
R  10/27  Depressive and Bipolar Disorders  Chapter 7

**WEEK 9**
M  10/31  Depressive and Bipolar Disorders  Chapter 7
W  11/2  Depressive and Bipolar Disorders  Chapter 7
R  11/3  Depressive and Bipolar Disorders  Chapter 7

**WEEK 10**
M  11/7  Treatments for Depressive and Bipolar Disorders  Chapter 8
   *Reaction Paper 2 Due*
W  11/9  Suicide  Chapter 9
R  11/10  *EXAM 2 (Chapters 5 -9)*

**WEEK 11**
M  11/14  Disorders Featuring Somatic Symptoms  Chapter 10
   *Cases 7 and 8 in Casebook*
W  11/16  Disorders Featuring Somatic Symptoms  Chapter 10
R  11/17  Schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders  Chapter 14
   *Case 13 in Casebook.*

**WEEK 12**
M  11/21  Schizophrenia  Chapter 14
W  11/23  *THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO CLASS*
R  11/24  *THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO CLASS*

**WEEK 13**
M  11/28  Schizophrenia  Chapter 14
W  11/30  Treatments for Schizophrenia and Other Severe Mental Disorders  Chapter 15
R  12/1  Personality Disorders  Chapter 16
   *Cases 14 and 15 in Casebook*
**WEEK 14**

M  12/5  Personality Disorders  Chapter 16

**Reaction Paper 3 Due**

W  12/7  **Make-up Test Day**
   Optional 1:1 appointments with Dr. Cisewski
   *If you do not have a make-up test or do not need to meet with me, then you do not have to come to class that day!*

R  12/8  **READING DAY – NO CLASSES**

**FINAL EXAM:**  (Chapters 10, 14, 15, and 16)
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED