

Psychopathology

Renison College

Winter 2008, Tuesdays 6:30-9:30 PM

Text: Sue, Sue, & Sue. (2006) *Understanding Abnormal Psychology, 8th edition*

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Email: Whenever possible please speak with me in person before, during, or after class or during office hours. Otherwise, you can reach me through **UW ACE course mail**.

Office Hours: Tuesday 5:50-6:20, Thursday 11:30-12:00, other times by appointment.

General information

Lectures will be supplemented by videos and discussion of relevant case material. This course will cover a wide range of topics at a rapid pace, so it is important that students keep up with the readings and lectures. Please feel free to approach me if you wish to talk about the course or other issues or topics. This is one of the most interesting and exciting topics in psychology, and I hope that you will soon come to feel the same as I do about the topic and material!

Evaluation

Tests will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions, and there is an optional essay on a focused topic. Details will be discussed in class and posted online. *Because the essay is optional, late essays will not be accepted. Essays received by March 18 in class will be graded and returned in class on March 25.*

Important dates

January 8	First day for this course.
January 29	Test 1
<i>February 18-22</i>	<i>Reading week</i>
March 11	Test 2
March 25	Optional Focus essay due
April 1	Test 3

Grade distribution

Test 1:	27%
Test 2:	31%
Test 3:	22%
Focus Paper:	20%

OR if you do not write the optional essay

Test 1:	35%
Test 2:	40%
Test 3:	25%

Schedule Psychopathology Winter 2008

January 8	Ch. 1, Abnormal behaviour, pp. 1-24 to the end of the first paragraph on p. 24, & Ch. 3, Assessment & classification
January 15	Ch. 5 Anxiety Disorders
January 22	Ch. 6, Dissociative disorders and somatoform disorders
January 29 <u>Test 1</u>	Test on topics from chapters 1, 3, 5, 6 Ch. 8, Personality Disorders (after test)
February 5	Ch. 8, Personality and Impulse Control Disorders continued, pp 260-266
February 12	Ch. 10, Sexual and gender identity disorders
February 19	Reading week
February 26	Ch. 11, Mood disorders
March 4	Ch. 13, Schizophrenia
March 11 <u>Test 2</u>	Test on topics from chapters 8, 10, 11, 13 (After test) Ethical issues (Ch. 18 pp 597 paragraph 2, to end of pp. 599, 606-609, 612-618)
March 18	Ch. 16, Eating disorders
March 25 <u>Focus paper due</u>	Ch. 15, Disorders of Childhood & Adolescence <u>Deadline for focus paper</u>
April 1 <u>Test 3</u>	Test on chapters 15, 16, and readings from Ch. 18 Special topic by class request

Note on avoidance of academic offences: All students registered in the courses of the Faculty of Arts are expected to know what constitutes an academic offence, to avoid committing academic offences, and to take responsibility for their academic actions. When the commission of an offence is established, disciplinary penalties will be imposed in accord with Policy #71 (Student Academic Discipline). For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students are directed to consult the summary of Policy #71 (Student Academic Discipline) which is supplied in the Undergraduate Calendar (p.1:11). If you need help in learning how to avoid offences such as plagiarism, cheating, and double submission, or if you need clarification of aspects of the discipline policy, ask your course instructor for guidance. Other resources regarding the discipline policy are your academic advisor and the Undergraduate Associate Dean.

POSTING OF FINAL GRADES AT RENISON

It is Renison College policy **NOT** to post grades at any time throughout the academic term in an effort to protect student privacy. Grades will **NOT** be reported over the phone by the main office or the Registrar's office. Final grades will be available on the internet by following the instructions at www.quest.uwaterloo.ca