

COURSE SYLLABUS
Psychology 350: Abnormal Psychology
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Text: Abnormal Psychology by Susan Holen-Hoeksema 4th edition

This course covers the history, theories, assessment, and treatments of Abnormal Behavior

Final grades are based exclusively on total points. All grades from A through F may be used to distinguish among levels of academic performance. Plus and minus grades may be used at the discretion of the professor.

Use of Blackboard email is strictly limited to discussion of course content. Do not use Blackboard to request notes or favors from other students. Abuse of Blackboard email is a policy violation and may result in having points deducted from your total.

Grades will be based on the following scale:

90% of total points = A
80% of total points = B
70% of total points = C
60% of total points = D
Below 60% of total points = F

Up to 3(three) points of extra credit are available, but will count only for students close to the next grade level. This extra credit may be earned by writing a paper as described below. If the extra credit puts you within one point or more of the next grade level, it will not count. If it moves you to or above the next grade level, it will count. Therefore, no one will miss an A,B, or C by one regular point.

Cheating will not be tolerated and may result in an automatic F and/or referral to the relevant university administrator.

You must bring your own scantron and number 2 pencils to each test.
THE SCANTRON IS FORM F0289-PAR-L.

Exams and paper:

There will be four exams, and an optional extra credit paper **worth up to a maximum of 3 points**. Tests will be drawn from the lectures and assigned readings, and are objective (multiple choice, true false, matching).

Test 1 will be on **Jan 26th**, test 2 on **Feb 23rd**, and Test 3 will be held on **April 6th**, **and test 4 on April 27th**.. Papers are due by Wednesday, **May 11th**, but may be turned in any time before this date by email.

Papers must be **no less than 3 pages and no more than 5 double spaced pages in length (Times New Roman Font)**. You are to pick from any lecture discussed in class and:

(1) Summarize any section, part, or topic from any of the lectures);

- (2) Read, discuss and reference (**at the end and in the text**) at least two outside sources relating to that summary. (Both references may be from the internet).
- (3) Indicate how that summary of the lecture material applies to you and your life personally, or to someone you know, including your own reactions and your personal goals.

All assignments and lecture presentations may be modified to meet the educational needs of the class or unexpected developments. This may include additional tests and readings.

No test will be given in advance. Make-ups must be approved in advance, and the reason must be compelling. You will have only one week from the actual test date to make up any test, and must do so by scheduling an appointment with a TA.

Summary of Topics

Jan 19	Introduction to the Abnormal Psych	Ch. 1&2
Jan 26	Test 1—50 points; Ch 1&2 plus lecture notes	
Feb 2	Major Mental Disorders	Ch 11
Feb 9	Anxiety Disorders	Ch 7
Feb 16	Personality Disorders	Ch 12
Feb 23	Test 2—100 points; Ch11, 7, 12 plus lecture notes	
March 2	Abnormal and the Law	Ch 18
March 9	Assessment	Ch 4
March 16	Treatments I	Ch 5
March 23	Treatments II	
March 30	Spring break—no class	
April 6	Test 3—100 points; Ch 18, 4, 5 plus lecture notes	
April 13	Substance abuse	Ch 17
April 20	Stress and Abnormal	
April 27	Test 4---Ch 17 plus lecture notes	
May 4	Integration and Feedback	
May 11	Final Due date for paper	

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PLEASE NOTE: DURING TESTS ALL ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING CELL PHONES, COMPUTERS, IPODS, ETC, MUST BE TURNED OFF AS LONG AS YOU REMAIN IN THE ROOM. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF POINTS. YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WEAR HATS, VISORS, OR OTHER ITEMS THAT MIGHT OBSTRUCT YOUR EYES.