

SYLLABUS: ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY 340:07
PROFESSOR SHORS, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
Fall 2006, MTH3 (12:00-1:20)
Lectures are on Livingston Campus, LSH Auditorium

TEXTBOOK: ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY, 4th edition, Seligman, Walker & Rosenhan; available at Livingston College Book Store

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PLEASE SEE TA FOR ALL QUESTIONS ABOUT EXAMS AND EXAM GRADES!
More general issues about course content should be directed to Dr. Shors
(Wed 2-4, room 201 Psychology Bldg, Busch Campus)

The course is arranged around ~15 topics. You are responsible for the material that we cover in class, but the book will help you understand what I talk about in lectures. Attendance is optional, but you will not do well on the tests without coming to class. There are three tests. The first is worth 25%, the second 35% and the final is worth 40% of your grade. The exams are objective and consist primarily of multiple choice questions. I only give a make-up exam if you provide me a *written* explanation of a *verifiable* emergency accompanied by a doctor's note. I do not give make-up exams for the common cold, rain, "personal problems", a sick relative, etc. All make-up exams are given on a reading day during the final exam period and consist of short answer and essay questions. Finally, I do not give extra points. Please do not ask. Also, try to have fun in this class. It is very interesting material. When I took this class oh so many years ago, it changed my life...for the better, I might add.

TOPICS:

1. WHAT IS NORMAL?
2. HISTORY OF MADNESS (Chapter 1)
3. DSM & RESEARCH (Chapter 2)
4. MODELS OF ABNORMALITY (Chapters 3 and 4)
5. ANXIETY (Chapter 5)
6. SOMATOFORM & DISSOCIATIVE DISORDERS (Chapter 6)

MIDTERM (Oct 12, 25% of final grade)

7. MOOD, DEPRESSION & SUICIDE (Chapter 7)
8. ANOREXIA & BULIMIA (Chapter 8)
9. SLEEPING DISORDERS
10. SEX & GENDER IDENTITY DISORDERS (Chapter 13)
11. SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Chapter 14)

MIDTERM (Nov 13, 35% of final grade)

12. PERSONALITY DISORDERS (Chapter 9)
13. SCHIZOPHRENIA (Chapter 10)
14. EARLY ONSET DISORDERS (Chapter 8)
15. LATE ONSET DISORDERS (Chapter 11)

FINAL (December 21, 12-3; 40% of final grade)