

**Psy 249 Abnormal Psychology/Weekend College
Fall 2015**

Rm: REA 2317

October 30th through November 14th, 2015

Fridays 5:00-10:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00–5:00 pm

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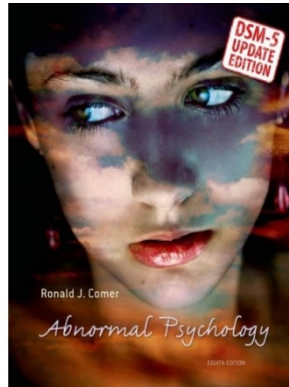
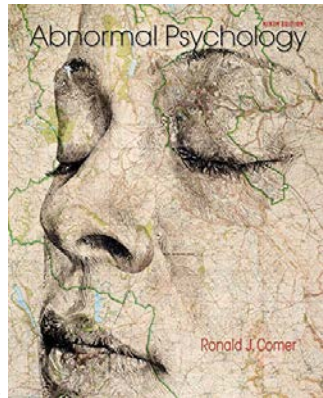


Course Description

This course reviews the classic and current research on the causes, symptoms, and treatments of several psychological disorders: Anxiety, Stress, Somatoform & Dissociative, Mood, Eating, Substance related, and Psychosis. Perspectives and treatment of the disorders in other cultures will also be presented.

Objectives

In addition to gaining understanding and knowledge in the subject areas just listed, students will learn to adopt a critical approach to studying psychological research, and to examine their own behavior and mental processes.



Required Text

Abnormal Psychology, by Ronald J. Comer, 8th OR 9th edition.

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Course Requirements

Grades for the course will be determined by:

- 1. Your attendance and participation in roughly 10 in-class exercises or discussions over the course of the three weekends**
- 2. A psychiatric interview about a psychological disorder (conducted weekend 1, write up due weekend 2)**
- 3. a mock therapy session where you choose the appropriate therapy approach for the client issue (conducted weekend 2)**
- 4. A presentation to your peers on a psychological disorder, therapy, or issue (weekend 3)**

The course will roughly follow this schedule:

Weekend 1

- Vintage psych treatments
- Psych treatment around the world

Psychiatric interviews

Weekend 2

- The Mood DO's: Unipolar Depression, Bipolar Depression, Suicide
- The Anxiety DO's: Generalized Anxiety DO, Panic DO, Phobias, Obsessive Compulsive DO

Therapy sessions

Weekend 3

- Eating DOs
- Addictions
- Schizophrenia

Presentations