

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
Status: Definitive
Code: **5004PSYSCI** (113642)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2011

Owning School/Faculty: Natural Sciences & Psychology
Teaching School/Faculty: Natural Sciences & Psychology

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 12.00
Total Delivered Hours: 26.00
Total Learning Hours: 120
Private Study: 94

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	24.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	Written examination	70.0	2.00
Essay	AS2	Case Study	30.0	

Aims

- 1. To investigate current approaches to the study of abnormal behavior.*
- 2. To critically evaluate theories of schizophrenia and personality and their usefulness as a construct.*
- 3. To consider models of anxiety and depression and the possible benefits of moving towards a psychobiological model.*
- 4. To assess the nature of eating disorders and evaluate the role of physiological, cognitive and social factors in these disorders.*
- 5. To examine disorders related to lifespan development, focusing on the utility of biosychosocial approaches in prevention and treatment.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Outline the problems of attempting to describe behavior as abnormal.
- 2 Evaluate current theories of major mental disorders.
- 3 Discuss the role of biological, cognitive and social factors in the development and maintenance of mental disorder.
- 4 Evaluate the theoretical rationale for the treatment of major mental disorders.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

EXAM	1	2	3	4
Essay	3			

Outline Syllabus

Problems of defining behaviour as either normal or abnormal. Classification and its problems. Theories of depression, biological, social to psychobiological vulnerability theories. Theories of schizophrenia, the move away from analysis of syndromes to focusing on symptoms. Obsessive-compulsive disorders. Eating disorders.

Learning Activities

Lectures

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Nolen-Hoeksema, S.
Publishing Year	2001
Title	Abnormal Psychology
Subtitle	
Edition	2nd Ed
Publisher	McGraw Hill
ISBN	0-07-235799-1

Course Material	Book
Author	Davison, G.C. & Neale, J.M.
Publishing Year	2001
Title	Abnormal Psychology

Subtitle	
Edition	8th Ed
Publisher	Wiley
ISBN	0-471-31811-6

Notes

Abnormal Psychology considers the problems of defining behaviour as abnormal. It looks at the role of biological, cognitive and social factors in the areas of schizophrenia, depression, eating disorders and obsessive-compulsive disorders.