

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ABNORMAL BEHAVIOUR  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **5103PSYSCI** (117447)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Natural Sciences & Psychology  
Teaching School/Faculty: Natural Sciences & Psychology

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ5      **Credit Value:** 24.00      **Total Delivered Hours:** 49.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240      **Private Study:** 191

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	48.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	MC Exam		34.0	1.00
Essay	Case Study		33.0	
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### Aims

1. To investigate current approaches to the study of abnormal behaviour.
2. To critically evaluate theories of schizophrenia and related treatment options.
3. To consider models of anxiety and depression and the possible benefits of moving towards a biopsychosocial model.
4. To assess the nature of eating disorders and evaluate the role of physiological,

*cognitive and social factors in these disorders.*

*5. To evaluate the impact of frontal lobe damage on normal brain function.*

*6. To investigate the development of addictive behaviours and their treatment.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate appropriate knowledge of abnormal behaviour.
- 2 Describe, Explain and 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:

MC Exam	1
Case Study	4
Essay	2 3

## **Outline Syllabus**

*This module critically examines core issues in Abnormal Psychology. These include the conceptual and theoretical bases of the definition and classification of abnormal behaviours. Students will also be presented with information that guides the diagnoses, explanation and various treatments for psychological disorders. The module includes topics such as: Anxiety disorders (PTSD, GAD, OCD), Addictive disorders, Eating disorders (anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa), Mood disorders (major depressive, bipolar disorder), Schizophrenia, Self-harm and dysexecutive syndrome.*

## **Learning Activities**

1. Lectures
2. Virtual Blackboard session
3. Independent reading
4. Case study analysis

## **References**

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Nolen-Hoeksema, S.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2007

<b>Title</b>	Abnormal Psychology
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	4th Edition.
<b>Publisher</b>	McGraw-Hill, New York.
<b>ISBN</b>	0072562463

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## 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.