

Psychology 4305 – Abnormal Psychology - Spring, 2010

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Course Syllabus

Office: Academic Building, Room 204G
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Course content and objectives: Abnormal Psychology is designed to provide the student with a basic understanding of abnormal behavior. The characteristics of various psychological disorders, the theoretical causes of these disorders, and the treatments available will be reviewed and discussed.

Course prerequisite: PSY 2301 (General Psychology).

Assignments: All course assignments will be made in class and posted on **Blackboard** (<http://blackboard.angelo.edu>). Various course documents, assignments, quizzes and announcements can also be accessed online through **Blackboard**.

Course evaluation:

- 4 examinations (40 points each).....160
 - 32 class “clicker” quizzes (5 points each).....160
 - 13 online chapter quizzes (10 points each).....130
 - 10 homework assignments (5 points each).....50
 - 20 minute papers (2 points each).....40
- Total = 540**

You can access your course grade at any time through **Blackboard** (<http://blackboard.angelo.edu>). Click on “Tools”, then “My Grades”.

Class attendance: I strongly encourage you to attend this class on a regular basis! Your grade will be adversely affected by being absent, as the class quizzes and minute papers will be completed in class and cannot be made up. **Absences from class will not be excused for any reason, but points lost by missing class can be made up (see extra credit opportunities).**

Extra credit opportunities: A maximum of 25 extra credit points (to be added to your raw point total) can be earned during the course of the semester through various means (see “Course Information” in **Blackboard**).

Required course materials (available at ASU Bookstore):

- (1) Text: *Fundamentals of Abnormal Psychology (5th Edition)*
(Comer, 2008) Worth Publishers (www.worthpublishers.com)
(ISBN# 0-7167-7376-4)
- (2) CPS RF “clicker” (located next to text in ASU Bookstore)

Honor Code: Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code, which is available on the web at <http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/honorcode5.pdf>.

Disabilities: Persons with disabilities that warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life Office, Room 112 University Center (942-2193), in order to request such accommodations prior to their being implemented. You are encouraged to make this request early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Supplemental Instruction: Information about becoming a more effective and efficient learner is available through the Dept. of Psychology & Sociology website at www.angelo.edu/dept/psychology_sociology/index.htm.

Classroom Etiquette: Please be respectful of others in class. When in doubt, apply the golden rule! Please be on time for class; if possible, inform me in advance if you know you will be late or have to leave class early. Please refrain from engaging in “private chats” with your neighbors in class, as this is likely to distract other students. Turn your cell phone off while in class, and do not use a laptop computer in class unless you discuss your need to do so in advance with me. Finally, do not eat or drink in class unless you can do so quietly.

*** This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of Dr. Montgomery in the event of extenuating circumstances.

