Course Outcome Summary

Standard Course

PSYCH 258 Abnormal Psychology

Course Information

Division: Sciences / Mathematics
Contact Hours: 45
Theory: 45
Total Credits: 3

Prerequisites: PSYCH 151 General Psychology

Course Description

This course offers an overview of the psychological study of abnormal behavior and psychopathology. Concepts examined in this course will include the biopsychosocial etiology, prognosis and treatment of the major categories of psychological and behavioral health issues. Empirical research and clinical case studies will serve as the foundation for understanding course content.

Course Outcomes

In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

1. Explain major psychological concepts and theoretical perspectives about the field of abnormal psychology and major psychological problems and disorders.
2. Discuss the empirically based integrated view of the research in the area of abnormal behavior.
3. Describe the multiple causes of psychopathology as viewed from a number of different theoretical perspectives including biological, psychological, and sociocultural model.
4. Examine their own beliefs and explore their own assumptions about psychopathology and the associated stigma.
5. Discuss intervention and prevention strategies for psychological disorders.

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