

CAMOSUN COLLEGE

**PSYC 250 - PSYCHOPATHOLOGY**

**INSTRUCTOR:** Johnny Mak  
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**OFFICE HOURS:** To be announced

**TEXT:** Davison, G.C. & Neale, J.M., ( ) Abnormal Psychology ( th Ed.)

**PREREQUISITES:** PSYC 110 & one of PSYC 120, 130, 150 or 164.

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**COURSE ORGANISATION:**

Two hours each week will be devoted to lecture and discussion, and one hour will be spent in seminar with small group discussion and exercises.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES:**

This course introduces the field of abnormal psychology. Topics include a modern integration of psychological perspectives, classification of psychological disorders, anxiety disorders, mood disorders, sexual disorders, psychotic disorders, personality disorders, substance related disorders, assessment and treatments appropriate to each disorder. Students will develop a comprehensive understanding and proper attitude towards psychological disorders, and a critical thinking from a psychological perspective.

**COURSE EVALUATION:**

1. **Weekly quizzes:**

There is a short quiz at the beginning of each lecture. These quizzes will be on a specific portion of material covered in the text. The purpose of these quizzes is to ensure that students keep up on their text reading so as to enhance active learning and participation in lectures. If you missed (or, are late for) the quiz, it will **not** be available later (unless with a medical note).

2. **Tests:**

There are two tests covering material from the lectures, seminars and the text.

3. **Seminar Assignments:**

There are written assignments for every seminar. Assignments will not be accepted for seminars that are missed. All assignments must be submitted to Grace's office (F312). Due date is the next \_\_\_\_\_ following the seminar.

#### 4. Research Paper:

An academic research/review paper using APA format is required. Details regarding this assignment will be distributed in the class. (See Research Paper and APA Format handouts.) Due date is the Thursday (4:30pm) of Week 13.

#### 5. Participation & Attendance:

Participation is a **required** part of the course. There are class exercises, group discussion, and video worksheets to be done in lectures. If you missed the lectures, your respective participation marks will **not** be available afterwards (unless with a medical note).

<u>Participation &amp; Attendance</u>	<u>Bonus marks</u>
100%	3
Missed 1 lecture	2
2	1

It is important to read the assigned text material *PRIOR* to the lecture on that subject. This will help you to understand the lecture and participate in the discussion/exercise/worksheet. See the Schedule of Activities for assigned readings.

#### **EVALUATION:**

Participation (class work) and attendance	10%
Quizzes	15%
Seminar participation and assignments	25%
Research paper	10%
Test #1	20%
Test #2	20%

A+	95-100	Superior levels of achievement (Follow <b><u>ALL</u></b> instructions and <b><u>GET BEYOND</u></b> )
A	90-94	
A-	85-89	
B+	80-84	High levels of achievement (Follow <b><u>ALL</u></b> instructions)
B	75-79	
B-	70-74	
C+	65-69	Average level of achievement ( <b><u>DON'T</u></b> follow instructions)
C	60-64	
D	50-59	Minimum level of achievement
F	< 50	Minimum level not achieved



## ***POLICY:***

### **A. Important rules and guidelines**

1. Work needs to be handed in on time and at the beginning of seminars. **Late** penalty is **10 marks** (i.e. 10%) off per day. Make-up for missed/late quizzes/tests would be granted ONLY WITH a medical note and has to be taken within 2 weeks and will NOT be available after two weeks (*no exceptions please*).
2. It is the responsibility of the students to check the posted marks regularly (outside F306) to make sure that they are accurate (e.g. no missing or wrong entries). Marks of assignments/quizzes/tests will NOT be considered for review or change after one month from the due date (*no exceptions please*).
3. Make sure you sign the attendance sheet in every class. If you fail to sign, you CANNOT make it up after the class (*to be fair*).
4. Any questions about the quizzes must be put in writing PLUS textbook references before considerations/responses can be made. Thanks.
5. If you have missed a lecture, please ask “3” before me. What and why? Buddy Up Now!!
6. Please ask questions during (questions related to lecture) OR after (other psyc. questions) the lecture. Please don’t ask questions right before the lecture. Why?

### **B. How to get the most marks out of your assignments:**

*(Instructions for assignments write-up.)*

1. Please put down ALL details on front page of assignments (ie, Full Name, \*\*Class Number, Section No., Student ID No., Course No., Instructor’s name, topic and date)
2. Please STAPLE all your assignments at LEFT TOP CORNER (no paper clips, no folders and no loose sheets please).
3. All seminar reports must be TYPED (except worksheet assignments to be filled in with ball point pens - no pencils please)
4. ALL assignments must be completed before the final grade is assigned.
5. Assignments that are “identical” or “copied” between students will be given 0% for ALL students with identical work. In case of cheating on a test or quiz, the whole test/quiz will be given an 0%. Plagiarism and cheating are severe offences and disciplinary action will be taken by College Administration.
6. \*\*Late assignments or assignments not picked up in class can be picked up in F-312.  
(Grace’s office).

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

<b>Week/Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Assigned Reading</b>	<b>Test/Quiz</b>	<b>Seminar</b>
1.	Introduction Overview	Ch.	Quiz #0	#1
2.	Models Diagnosis & classification	Ch.	Quiz #1	#2
3.	Clinical Assessment Research Methods	Ch.	Quiz #2	#3
4.	Schizophrenia Psychotic Disorders	Ch.	Quiz #3	#4
5.	Stress of Coping Anxiety Disorders	Ch.	Quiz #4	#5
6.	Psychological Factors, and Physical Symptoms	Ch.	Quiz #5	#6
7.	Mood Disorders Review	Ch.	Quiz #6	#7
8.	Test #1		Test #1	#8
9.	Substance Related Disorders	Ch.	Quiz #7	#9
10.	Personality Disorders	Ch.	Quiz #8	#10
11.	Sexual Disorders	Ch.	Quiz #9	#11
12.	Disorders of Childhood and Adolescents	Ch.	Quiz #10	#12
13.	Psychotherapies & Outcomes Social Issues	Ch.	Quiz #11 Research paper	#13
14.	Review Q & A	All Chapters		Revision
15.	Test #2		Test #2	

*This schedule may be flexible and any changes will be discussed in class.*

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