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# **PSY 215**

## **Abnormal Psychology**

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

**Prerequisites:** PSY 200, 201 or 202

**Course Description:**

Explores historical views and current perspectives of abnormal behavior. Emphasizes major diagnostic categories and criteria, individual and social factors of maladaptive behavior, and types of therapy. Includes methods of clinical assessments and research strategies.

**Semester Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 3**

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## Course Outcomes:

**At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:**

- explain the history, theoretical perspectives, assessments and diagnosis of abnormal behavior.
- describe the major psychological disorders, causes, and possible treatments.
- critically evaluate issues relating to the classification, etiology and treatment of basic abnormal behavior.
- integrate psychological theory, research and application in the study of abnormal psychology.

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## Required Materials:

1. Text Book
2. Internet access
3. Knowledge of Blackboard

## Textbook (required):

Comer, Ronald. (2014). *Abnormal Behavior*. 8th Edition. Worth. New York, NY.  
*With: Video Tool Kit for students*  
ISBN: 978-1-464-13719-8

**The following supplementary materials are available:** None

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## Topical Description:

1. Introduction to Abnormal Behavior
2. Models of Abnormal Behavior
3. Assessment and Classification of Abnormal Behavior
4. The Scientific Method in Abnormal Psychology
5. Anxiety, Obsessive-Compulsive, and Related Disorders
6. Dissociative Disorders
7. Somatic Symptom and Related Disorders
8. Trauma- and Stressor- Related Disorders
9. Personality Disorders
10. Substance Related Disorders
11. Disorders of Sex and Gender
12. Mood Disorders
13. Suicide
14. Schizophrenia and other Psychotic Disorders
15. Cognitive Disorders
16. Childhood/Adolescent Disorders
17. Eating Disorders
18. Legal and Ethical Issues in Abnormal Psychology

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