

Hello students!

Thank you for registering for online abnormal psychology this Fall 2021!

The focus of this course is the study of abnormal human behavior. Numerous psychological disorders will be explored using the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-V) as a foundation for classification. We will examine the symptoms, etiology (cause), and treatment of various forms of psychopathology.

You will be surprised to experience the flow of this online course, as the course is comprised of textbook readings, open forums, and completing case studies (in which you, the student, propose a diagnosis for a “patient” whose symptoms are presented to you), and video clips relevant to psychopathology.

I am a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, and have been providing therapy to children, adolescents, and adults for over 20 years. I have worked with the psychiatric population and the substance abuse population, and find that students are interested in hearing about those clinical experiences as they relate to class lecture.

I have been an instructor at Marist since 1998 and I will admit that Abnormal Psychology, by far, is my favorite course to teach. I find it incredibly rewarding to work in the mental health field, and exciting to teach students about this subject matter.

The required text is Oltmanns and Emery’s Abnormal Psychology 9th edition. It will be helpful for you to review the first three chapters of the text prior to the first class, as much of the content of those chapters is review material from Intro Psych, and is covered at a quicker pace.

Questions about navigating an online course should be directed to Information Technology.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. “See” you soon.

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