

# PSY 4753 – Abnormal Psychology

Introduction to Course

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## Texts

No physical textbook!

[abnormalpsych.wikispaces.com](http://abnormalpsych.wikispaces.com)

Supplemental readings on course website

[www.caleblack.com](http://www.caleblack.com)

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## Goals & Objectives

Become familiar with

Adult and child psychopathology

History of the field

Etiology

Diagnostic categories

Treatments

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## Readings

There are large amounts of readings online; also, there will be material covered in class that is not in the readings

Read before you come to class, be ready to discuss the readings

You don't need to memorize, just have a good grasp of the material, including questions you have about it

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## Grading

500 total points

- 300 from tests
- 100 from quizzes
- 100 from case study

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## Exams

These will be a mix of multiple choice questions, matching, and short answer questions

Aside from school-excused absences, make-ups will all be given the final day

All make-ups will be entirely essay questions

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## Quizzes

You will download and complete them, then turn them in BEFORE we begin that chapter

5 questions each, fill-in-the-blanks

10 points each

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## Case Study

You will each be furthering the development of our online text by contributing a case study

Will be over a fictional character

There will be a template for your format online, and it will be emailed to me

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## Topics

Nature of Mental Disorders  
Diagnosis of Mental Disorders

Anxiety Disorders  
Mood Disorders  
Psychotic Disorders  
Personality Disorders  
Substance Use Disorders

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## Topics

ADHD

Disruptive Behavior Disorders

Mental Retardation & PDDs

Learning Disabilities

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