

Grand Valley State University
PSY 324-01: Developmental Psychopathology
Fall 2017

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Prerequisites: PSY 101; PSY 301

Course Summary:

This course will cover child and adolescent disorders, through reviewing contextual factors, diagnostic criteria, comorbidity, etiology, intervention, and prevention. Students will be exposed to research articles and case studies, and critical thinking skills will be emphasized to allow students to gain a deeper understanding of issues related to abnormal child development. Upon completion of the course, students should be familiar with: (1) the various approaches and theories used to conceptualize child psychopathology, (2) child, environmental, and psychosocial risk factors for psychopathology, and (3) evidence-based treatments for common childhood disorders.

Readings:

Required Text:

Mash, E.J., & Wolfe, D.A. (2013). *Abnormal child psychology*, 6th Edition. Boston, MA: Cengage Learning.

Additional Readings:

Selected articles will be announced and placed on e-reserve.

Grading/Coursework:

<u>Grading</u>		<u>Grading Scale</u>	
Exam #1	100	94 above	A
Exam #2	100	90-93	A-
Exam #3	100	87-89	B+
Assignment 1	30	83-86	B
Assignment 2	30	80-82	B-
Mini Assignments	<u>10</u>	77-79	C+
Total Points:	370	73-76	C
		70-72	C-
		67-69	D+
		60-66	D
		59 & below	F

Exams and Assignments:

Exams (3 exams, 100 points each = 300 points)

- Exam format - There will be three exams for this course. The final exam will be cumulative; with c. 30%-50% of material selected from the final weeks of lecture topics. Exams will consist of a combination of multiple choice, matching and short-essay questions drawn from the textbook, class activities, and information provided during lectures. Lecture material is meant to supplement your understanding of concepts presented in the textbook; therefore some questions on the exams will be drawn specifically from lectures, even if those concepts were not covered in your text. As well, exams will include material from the textbook that has not been discussed during lectures. *All students are expected to take exams at the scheduled times.*

Assignments (2 assignments, 30 points each = 60 points)

- Description – There will be two assignments this semester, each worth 30 possible points. Assignments will require that you apply course concepts to case studies and critique research articles that are relevant to the field. More information about these two assignments will be provided in class and will be posted in Black Board during the course of the semester. Typed copies of your assignments are due IN CLASS on the date indicated in the course schedule. I reserve the option to take off points for assignments that are emailed to me in lieu of submitting a written copy in class.

Mini Assignments (2 @ 5 points each = 10 points)

- Description – There will be 2 “Mini-Assignments” in this course. These will be announced during class time and may be somewhat connected with in-class lecture material, but may also be based on videos or other material that you will be asked to review outside of class. These are small-scale assignments which provide some exposure to topics that I don’t have sufficient time to cover during class. To receive points, you will need to submit a brief, related assignment. More information about these mini-assignments will be posted in Blackboard and discussed in class.

Other Information:

Copies

You are required to keep a copy of all individual work that you submit to me and must be able to produce that copy upon request.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Students will do original work and will not take or receive the efforts of another person on any test or assignment, use unauthorized resources on quizzes or tests, plagiarize, or give/sell other students papers or assignments not authorized by the instructor. You are responsible for making yourself aware of and for understanding the policies and procedures that pertain to academic integrity. To that end, be sure to familiarize yourself with the GVSU Student Code [Section 223.01] related to academic integrity. Furthermore, be sure to reference sources at all times. If you are uncertain about such an issue prior to submission of an assignment, project, or test, please see me so we can eliminate that uncertainty.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

If there is any student in this class who has special needs because of a learning, physical, or other disability, please contact me or Disability Support Resources (DSR) at 331-2490. Although students with disabilities are held to the same academic standards as all other students, accommodations will be provided for you, as appropriate. Where warranted, accommodations will also be provided to students without a diagnosed disability if that student discusses the specific need with me and the accommodation appears to be justified.

Canceled Classes:

If classes are canceled at the university, any exam or activity missed due to cancellation will take place at the next class meeting.

Attendance and Participation:

Attendance at lectures is highly recommended. Since not all material covered during lectures is in your text, your test performance is likely to improve if you attend, pay attention, take notes, and actively participate during class sessions. However, coming to class does not necessarily translate into learning or performance measures. If you are spending the class period searching the internet, responding to email, or texting, you are not likely to benefit from your attendance. Furthermore, your inattention may be distracting to other students. Please come to class prepared to fully attend and participate. When course grades are within one percentage point of the next higher grade, at my discretion, the higher grade will be awarded to students who showed active participation in class (i.e., good attendance, participation in discussions, attentiveness during lectures, and engagement in group activities).

Email:

Please email me if you have any questions or would like to set up a time to meet. If I don't respond to you within 24-48 hours, feel free to email me again. In a world of competing demands, it's possible that I have lost track of your email in my over-burdened in-box. I will make every attempt to get back with you quickly.

Course Schedule

Readings are due on the date that the Lecture Topic begins. Additional readings may be announced and posted on e-reserve. It is possible that this schedule will change, as some weeks we will move more rapidly, and some more slowly. However, general deadlines will remain the same unless I indicate otherwise.

Week	Lecture Topic	Text Readings	Assignments, Tests & Important Dates
Wk 1:	8/29: Syllabus; The 4-Cs; Introduction to DP 8/31: Introduction to DP	Ch. 1	
Wk 2:	9/5: No Class – Labor Day Recess 9/7: Theories & Causes	Ch. 2	
Wk 3:	9/12: Theories & Causes 9/14: Theories & Causes		
Wk 4:	9/19: Assessment, Diagnosis, Tx 9/21: Assessment, Diagnosis, Tx	Ch. 4	
Wk 5:	9/26: Research & EBT 9/28: Research & EBT	Ch. 3	
Wk 6:	10/3: EXAM 1 10/5: ADHD	Ch. 8	Exam 1: Tuesday 10/3 (Exam 1 Topics: Introduction; Theories & Causes; Assessment, Dx-is & Treatment; Research & EBT)
Wk 7:	10/10: ADHD 10/12: Conduct Problems	Ch. 9	
Wk 8:	10/17: Conduct Problems 10/19: NO CLASS- Mini Assignment		Assignment 1: Case Study Due Tuesday, 10/17
Wk 9:	10/24: Conduct Problems 10/26: Anxiety Disorders & OCD	Ch. 11	
Wk 10:	10/31: Anxiety Disorders & OCD 11/2: NO CLASS		
Wk 11:	11/7: Depression 11/9: Depression	Ch. 10	Assignment 2: EBT in DP Due Tuesday, 11/7
Wk 12:	11/14: EXAM 2 11/16: Learning Disorders	Pp. 208-225	Exam 2: Tuesday, 11/14 (Exam 2 Topics: ADHD, Conduct Problems, Anxiety Disorders and OCD, Depression)
Wk 13:	11/21: Autism Spectrum Disorder 11/23: No Class -- Thanksgiving	Ch. 6	
Wk 14:	11/28: Autism Spectrum Disorder 11/30: Eating Disorders	Pp. 487-505	
Wk 15:	12/5: Eating Disorders 12/7: Catch Up and Wrap Up		
EXAM WEEK	EXAM 3: Wednesday, 12/13 12:00-1:50 pm		Exam 3: Wednesday 12/13, 12:00-1:50 (Exam 3 Topics: Learning Disorders, ASD, Eating Disorders <i>PLUS Cumulative Information</i>)