

PSYC 126

Abnormal Psychology

3 Units
54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

Recommended Preparation: PSYC 120

An introduction to the concepts of abnormal and maladaptive behavior. Models of diagnosis, classification and treatment are discussed in depth. A discussion of major psychological disorders and study of the different perspectives on their causation, development and treatment.

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Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Examine and evaluate the major psychological approaches to the conceptualization, etiology, and treatment of psychological disorders and the historical and sociocultural influences from which they arise.
2. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of psychological disorders, differentials, and comorbidities in the DSM-IV-TR.
3. Critically analyze the important legal, social, economic, and political factors that impact the definition, treatment, and stigmatization of psychological disorders.