

Course Syllabus

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MARIAN UNIVERSITY

Indianapolis

PSY 230 Abnormal Psychology 3 Credits

Semester and Year: First Five-Weeks, Summer 2025

Email: Contact via Canvas email


Required Textbook(s):

Title and Author: Abnormal Psychology, Jill M. Hooley; Matthew K. Nock; James N. Butcher

ISBN: 9780134999173

Publisher: Pearson

Edition Number: 18th

Students are required to purchase the items listed above prior to the start of the course. Look into all of your options - new, used, rental or e-books. If you choose a rental option, be sure to understand the policies and the due dates for the returns. While you have the option to obtain your course materials from any source, ordering from the MU Book Store can be a convenient option. Please note that you can also charge bookstore purchases to your student account or use your MU financial aid if applicable. Visit the bookstore by clicking [here](http://www.bkstr.com/marianustore/home)  (<http://www.bkstr.com/marianustore/home>).

The Textbook is the primary source of information in this course, so it is essential that students have their textbook and are certain to obtain the correct current edition. The majority of the content in this course is delivered through assigned reading with some being provided in a occasional lecture and video resources.

Additional Resources:

[The Mother Teresa Hacklemeier Memorial Library](http://www.marian.edu/library/Pages/default.aspx) 

(<http://www.marian.edu/library/Pages/default.aspx>) at Marian University provides various databases

- **Marian University requires all work be completed on a laptop or PC.**

Course Description

This course reviews the scientific study of abnormal behavior, with emphasis on cause, treatment, and prevention. Psychopathology, including its development, assessment, and treatment is approached using major paradigms and research findings as they related to a range of disorders as listed in the current DSM.

Student Learning Objectives

1. Describe the major theoretical approaches to explaining abnormal behavior and psychopathology.
2. Apply the DSM-5 diagnostic criteria for each disorder to differentiate among diagnoses.
3. Explain the uses for research in abnormal psychology, basic research design, and interpretation of scientific studies.
4. Explain the treatments that are most effective or commonly associated with each of the DSM-5 diagnoses.
5. Analyze mental illness related stigma in the context of personal opinion about the topics explored within this course.
6. Describe one DSM-5 diagnosis in detail, including diagnostic criteria, treatment, and etiological explanations.

Teaching Strategies

Reading Assignments

As noted earlier independent student reading is a primary source of information in this course. Each module contains the assigned reading for the week and includes **three (3)** textbook chapters of reading per week.

Lectures:

Generally, there are few lectures in this class. Each week you will be provided with "brief lectures" which introduce the content for each chapter to you.

Videos:

As noted earlier, many videos have been provided to you each week. These serve as an additional source of information in the course. They will support and enhance your learning of the assigned content.

Expectations:

1. Please remember, your online instructor will expect the same courtesy and behavior from you that he/she would expect if you were in a face-to-face class. The difference is that in a traditional

classroom-based course, your instructor would also have visual and auditory cues on which to judge student comments. Please keep this in mind.

2. In the MAP online courses, all communication must be done through the Canvas email system.
3. Be sure to check announcements in the Canvas LMS daily!
4. Instructors may not be able to respond to your email right away; however, they will respond to you within 24 hours.
5. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated.
6. While students may register for classes up to the posted registration deadline, the instructors will not make special accommodations for students who do not have access to their book(s) or lab kit/access when the course begins.
7. Your instructor is not an advisor. The instructor's role is to provide and deliver academic course content and guidance to the students on the course roster. Examples include providing lectures, answering questions, responding to student e-mails that are content related, and grading work product in a timely manner.
8. Instructors do not give financial advice nor can they handle financial issues, questions, or concerns of the students, or make special accommodations due to a student delay in ordering course materials, such as textbooks and labs. Instructors cannot act as advisors or withdraw you from a course. For any concerns other than the academic content of the course, please contact your advisor or a member of the MAP staff.
9. Please review the Marian University Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Note: Failure to participate in an online course or attend a classroom based course does not drop a student from the class and may result in the loss of financial aid. Non-attending and non-participating students will be charged 100% of the tuition and a grade of "F" will be recorded.

Methods of Evaluation

Concept Checks

Pre-Checks and Post-Checks

Concept Checks are open-book reading quizzes that encourage students to explore the readings and resources to assess their knowledge and learning at two stages: pre- and post-learning. ***In the pre-check stage***, students will respond to multiple-choice items based from textbook readings. It is recommended that these Concept Checks are completed as students are reading the assigned chapters. ***In the post-check stage***, students will respond to multiple-choice items based from textbook readings as well as short answer and self-reflection items. It is recommended that these Concept Checks are completed after students have completed the assigned readings for the week, viewed some of the necessary videos, and interacted with their peers in the discussion forum.

- Concept Pre-Checks are worth 10 points each and are due by Thursdays.

- Concepts Post-Checks are worth 15 points each and are due by Saturdays.

Discussion Activity

A new topic for class discussion will be presented each week. Students will need to post their own commentary before they can see replies from other students. Students are required to reply to at least one other post made by a fellow student. Additionally, students are responsible for maintaining their conversations. Discussions are worth 25 points in total, with 16 points awarded to the primary post and maintenance, six (6) points awarded to peer reply posts. Discussion activity can begin as the module opens on Mondays and closes Saturday at 11:59 p.m. Students are expected to make their original post by Wednesday each week. Posts and replies should be substantive in nature, that is, they should encourage further scholarly interaction and extend the conversation(s). Instructors may choose to award partial credit for discussion participation that fails to meet this expectation. Please review the protocol, instructions, and rubric for discussions.

Papers

In addition to the concept checks and discussion activities, students will write three (3) papers on varying topics. Papers occur in weeks 2, 4, and 5. These assignments provide students with an opportunity to expand their learning on the topic(s) of their choosing within the assigned parameters, by exploring scholarly literature and real-world scenarios. See the modules for assignment details and rubrics. Each paper is worth 50 points.

Marian University Writing Center:

Whether you'd like to sound out ideas before writing them down, discuss strategies for organizing and developing written thoughts, or want extra help in charting revisions and edits, Marian University Writing Center tutors are eager to work with you.

The Marian University Writing Center is pleased to offer a range of services including Spanish language writing tutorials, writing workshops, online tutorials, and graduate student tutorials.

Walk-ins are always welcome to meet with a Writing Center peer tutor at Clare Hall 021 or at our other campus satellite locations. However, appointments may be created by visiting either of the below websites and are suggested (especially during peak demand times):

[Writing Center Information](http://www.marian.edu/writing-center)  (<http://www.marian.edu/writing-center>) (Helpful student resources as well as more information about the Writing Center's services are available)

Grading Scale

Maximum points available equals 400. Course grades are assigned based upon the percentage of maximum points earned. Numbers in parentheses represent the minimum percentages needed for the corresponding grade.

90-100% (360 pts to 400 pts) = A- to A

94% or higher = A

90% - 93.9% = A-

80-89% (320 pts to 359pts) = B- to B+

87% or higher = B+

84% - 86.9% = B

80% - 83.9% = B-

70-79% (280 pts to 319 pts) = C- to C+

77% or higher = C+

74% - 76.9% = C

70% - 73.9% = C-

60-69% (240pts to 279 pts) = D to D+

67% or higher = D+

60% - 66.0% = D

<60% (<240 pts) = F

Assignments:

Assignments & Point Values:

Discussions	25 Points each	125 points total for term
Concept Pre-Checks	10 points each	50 points total for term

Concept Post-Checks	15 points each	75 points total for term
Papers	50 points each	150 points total for term
Maximum Points Available		400 points

Course Policies:


Late Policy & Due Date Extensions:

Assignments will close for submission 72 hours after the due date. Any assignment submitted late in that 72 hour time period will receive a 10% late penalty. For any final exam, paper, etc. that is due the last day of the term/session, the 72-hour late policy does not apply past the date the term or session ends. Late initial posts in discussion boards will receive a 2-point deduction in the rubric.




Further extensions and accommodations, including exams, may be given consideration for unforeseen, documented hardships, such as medical emergencies, documentable technical issues, death of a loved one, travel and weather emergencies, etc. However, simply forgetting, time zone differences, going on vacation, or not performing as well as intended are not acceptable excuses. If you believe an extension or accommodation is warranted, please contact your instructor.

Extra Credit: There is no extra credit in this course.

Plagiarism Statement: Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of another as your own without giving credit to the source author. This also includes taking a paper found online and submitting it as one's own paper and/or cutting and pasting from a website and submitting it as your work product.

Plagiarism is defined in detail in the [Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities](https://www.marian.edu/docs/default-source/campus-life/codeofstudentrightsandresponsibilities.docx?sfvrsn=14)  (<https://www.marian.edu/docs/default-source/campus-life/codeofstudentrightsandresponsibilities.docx?sfvrsn=14>) under Section 8: Academic Conduct Procedures, as well as an extended description of academic dishonesty.

The following are some helpful websites for understanding plagiarism, documentation and citation:

- [Marian University's library](https://www.marian.edu/current-students/library)  (<https://www.marian.edu/current-students/library>)
- [Plagiarism.org](https://plagiarism.org/)  (<https://plagiarism.org/>)
- [Purdue OWL](https://owl.purdue.edu/)  (<https://owl.purdue.edu/>)

Adherence to Academic Integrity & Use of AI and Chat GPT: At Marian University, all students are called to uphold academic integrity in all their academic endeavors, including the responsible use of AI

tools, reflecting both the institution's commitment to intellectual and moral integrity and its foundational Franciscan values. Students are expected to exemplify honesty, honor, and respect for the truth, demonstrating their intellectual and moral integrity as outlined in the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. By embodying these responsibilities, students contribute to a just and flourishing academic community. Students are allowed to use advanced automated tools (artificial intelligence or machine learning tools such as ChatGPT or Dall-E 2) on assignments in this course if that use is properly documented and credited. For example, text generated using ChatGPT-3 should include a citation such as:

"Chat-GPT-3. (YYYY, Month DD of query). "Text of your query." Generated using OpenAI.
<https://chat.openai.com/>"

Material generated using other tools should follow a similar citation convention. Decisions are at the discretion of the instructor, so students are encouraged to communicate with their instructors.

Diversity & Inclusion Statement: Marian's Adult and Online Programs (MAP) at Marian University is a collaborative academic community committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive community across the intersections of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability status, socio-economic background, political perspective, culture, immigration status, and national origin. Online programs is committed to creating a safe and just environment of respect for students, faculty, and staff following our shared Franciscan values.

Note to Students: Tips for Success

The class you are about to take is challenging. The depth and breadth of information in this class is identical to what would be covered in a traditional, 16 week in-classroom course. However, in this class, the information must be covered in five weeks so you will need to budget your time wisely. Find the rhythm to this course as due dates will not change.

- Wednesdays: Primary Discussion Post
- Thursdays: Concept Pre-Checks
- Fridays: Reply Posts to discussions
- Saturdays: Concept Post-Checks
- Sundays: Papers, in weeks 2, 4, and 5

Each module is independent of the others and the Concept-Checks pertain only to the specific module in which they occur. This will greatly assist you in compartmentalizing the material and help keep you from becoming overwhelmed. Each week modules will open Monday mornings at 12:10 am and close on Sunday nights at 11:59 pm. Please be mindful of due dates. MAP terms END on SATURDAYS, so your final paper will be due on SATURDAY (instead of Sunday).

NEED HELP? If you are having any issues that derive from technical problems (software, hardware, and canvas interface) please go to the home page of this class and you'll find Canvas Issues listed with instructions and contact information.

If you have questions regarding course content or assignments, please contact your instructor through the canvas email.

Please be advised that your instructors are not advisors or your personal counselors. They cannot provide academic counseling or therapy services through this course. If you do have needs to be addressed, you can contact the Marian Department of Counseling Services at 317.955.6150; or stop by the office in Clare Hall.

Module Topics and Assignments:

Course Calendar

Week 1: Dates

Topics: Intro, History, Causality

Major Assignments:

- Discussion, initial post due Wednesday
- Concept pre-check, due Thursday
- Concept post-check, due Saturday

Week 2: Dates

Topics: Stress, Anxiety, and Mind/Body

Major Assignments:

- Discussion, initial post due Wednesday
- Concept pre-check, due Thursday
- Concept post-check, due Saturday
- Case Study, Self-Assessment, due Sunday

Week 3: Dates

Topics: Mood, Eating Disorders, and Substance Abuse

Major Assignments:

- Discussion, initial post due Wednesday
- Concept pre-check, due Thursday
- Concept post-check, due Saturday

Week 4: Dates

Topics: Personality Disorders and Schizophrenia

Major Assignments:

- Discussion, initial post due Wednesday
- Concept pre-check, due Thursday
- Concept post-check, due Saturday
- Current Events Paper, due Sunday

Week 5: Dates

Topics: Real World Applications

Major Assignments:



- Discussion, initial post due Wednesday
- Concept pre-check, due Thursday
- Concept post-check, due Saturday
- Underrepresented Populations Paper, due SATURDAY










****Any changes to this syllabi will be communicated to the student.**






Please click here to download a [PDF of the syllabus](#).

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Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
Wed May 7, 2025	 Discuss: Understanding Abnormal Behavior https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198377)	due by 11:59pm
Thu May 8, 2025	 Take: Concept Pre-Check Module 1 https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198365)	due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	Due
Sat May 10, 2025	 Take: Concept Post-Check Module 1 https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198368	due by 11:59pm
Wed May 14, 2025	 Discuss: Social Media, Globalization, and Mental Health Implications https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198376	due by 11:59pm
Thu May 15, 2025	 Take: Concept Pre-Check Module 2 https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198366	due by 11:59pm
Sat May 17, 2025	 Take: Concept Post-Check Module 2 https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198364	due by 11:59pm
Sun May 18, 2025	 Write: Clinical Case Study - Character Assessment https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198378	due by 11:59pm
Wed May 21, 2025	 Discuss: Welcome to the "Clean Plate Club" https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198375	due by 11:59pm
Thu May 22, 2025	 Take: Concept Pre-Check Module 3 https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198370	due by 11:59pm
Sat May 24, 2025	 Take: Concept Post-Check Module 3 https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198363	due by 11:59pm
Wed May 28, 2025	 Discuss: Medicating Tom Sawyer https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198373	due by 11:59pm
Thu May 29, 2025	 Take: Concept Pre-Check Module 4 https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198362	due by 11:59pm
Sat May 31, 2025	 Take: Concept Post-Check Module 4	due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	Due
	https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198369	
Sun Jun 1, 2025	 Write: Current Events Paper https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198379	due by 11:59pm
Wed Jun 4, 2025	 Discuss: Therapy Goes to the Movies https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198372	due by 11:59pm
Thu Jun 5, 2025	 Take: Concept Pre-Check Module 5 https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198367	due by 11:59pm
Sat Jun 7, 2025	 Take: Concept Post-Check Module 5 https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198371	due by 11:59pm
	 Write: Underrepresented Populations Paper https://marian.instructure.com/courses/7545552/assignments/50198380	due by 11:59pm