SYLLABUS - ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY – PSYC-2900

SUMMER SESSION- FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

ROOM 224 - Westchester Campus

Roberta B. Willim - Instructor - INTENSIVE COURSE

JUNE 23, 24 and JULY 21, 22, 2018 - 9 AM-5:30 PM

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course will attempt to define, identify, analyze and understand maladaptive behavior and root causes of failures in adjustment which cause difficulties and emotional distress to an individual and possibly others.

Abnormal behavior will first be defined and criteria for determining abnormality will be established. Etiology of maladaptive behavior is a critical component in determining treatment. The major perspectives on etiology will be closely examined. These include psychodynamic/psychological, biological, cognitive, behavioral, sociocultural, existential and environmental.

Specific disorders will be studied in detail from the assigned textbook. Assessment techniques, diagnostic methods with emphasis on the DSMV and treatment modalities will also be considered.

This course fulfills the complex processes category for psychology major at Fordham University. It is considered an intermediate level course.

At the completion of the course, students should have a good understanding of the basic terminology used to assess maladaptive behavior and be familiar with prototypes for major disorders and diagnostic categories.

Guest speaker, film, discussion and student presentations will supplement the lectures.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
1. Attendance is mandatory on both weekends from 9am to 5:30 pm. Missing any part of the in class sessions requires withdrawal from the class.

2. Readings from assigned textbook and other materials

3. A take home midterm and final exam

4. Assignments to be turned in on dates indicated in the syllabus. The required assignments will be on BLACKBOARD.

5. An oral presentation on the afternoon of the second weekend

6. A summary of an article from a Psychological Journal.

7. Quiz completion. Explained below

TEXTBOOK: Abnormal Psychology

Authors: NEVID, RATHUS, GREENE 9th Edition is OK

Publisher: PEARSON

The text is not order in the Fordham book store. You can also rent the text on Chegg.com or through coursesmart.com This is about 50% cheaper.

Policy on Academic integrity will be reviewed on the first day of class.

Topics covered the FIRST WEEKEND and chapters to have read.

Chapter 1. Definition of abnormal behavior, criteria, historical perspective

Chapter 2. Models of Etiology and Treatment

Chapter 3. Classification and Assessment

Chapter 5. Anxiety disorders/ PTSD chapter 4 Page 149

Chapter 6. Dissociative and Somatoform Disorders

Chapter 7. Mood Disorders

WEEKEND 2.
Chapter 11. Schizophrenia

CHAPTER 9. Eating Disorders

Chapter 12. Personality Disorders

Chapter 10. Sexual Dysfunction and Gender Identity

Chapter 14. Neurocognitive Disorders

Chapter 13 Childhood Disorders

Please check you Blackboard and emails on a regular basis.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

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My office is in Keating Hall Room 118 at the Rose Hill Campus. Stop in in person too.

I am looking forward to our summer class. Best regards