

# Abnormal Psychology

## PSYC 351 3 SS Credits

Spring 2023

TTh 3:30-4:45 pm

Instructor: Dr. Derek Dodson  
Office Location: Wausau 303

Office #: 715-346-2883  
Email: [ddodson@uwsp.edu](mailto:ddodson@uwsp.edu)

### Table of Contents (Ctrl+Click to jump to that section)

<b>Course Description</b>	2
<b>Course Learning Outcomes* (Click Here for a resource for developing LOs).</b>	2
<b>General Education Program Learning Outcomes* (if applicable)</b>	2
<b>Evaluation/Course Requirements*</b>	2
<b>Required Course Materials</b>	2
<b>Technology Guidelines</b>	2
<b>Inclusivity Statement</b>	3
<b>Confidentiality</b>	3
<b>Grading Scale*</b>	3
<b>Communicating with your Instructor</b>	3
<b>Office hours</b>	6
<b>Attendance*</b>	6
<b>Late Work</b>	7
<b>Absences due to Military Service</b>	7
<b>Religious Beliefs Accommodation</b>	8
<b>Equal Access for Students with Disabilities*</b>	8
<b>Help Resources</b>	8
<b>Academic Honesty</b>	9
<b>Other Campus Policies</b>	10
<b>Course Schedule*</b>	12

## Course Description

- This is a theoretical and research-based course that will cover the foundations of abnormal behavior and explore various psychiatric diagnoses as outlined in the DSM-5.
- This course will take place in the classroom. Assignments will be due each Sunday night before midnight.

## Course Learning Outcomes

A learning outcome is a statement that describes what a student will know (knowledge), be able to do (skill), and/or value/appreciate (disposition) as a result of a learning experience.

1. Express ideas in written formats to reflect basic psychological concepts & principles.(APA – 4.1A)
2. Write using APA style. (APA – 4.1D)
3. Interpret behavior and mental processes at an appropriate level of complexity (APA 1.1C)

## Evaluation/Course Requirements\*

Assignment	Brief Description	Points/Percentage	Learning Outcomes Met (#)
Weekly Questions	Critical thinking	150pts/28%	1 & 3
Quizzes	Summative assessment	100pts/18%	3
Essay	Formative assessment	100pts/18%	1, 2 & 3
Exams (4)	Summative assessment	200pts/36%	3

## Required Course Materials

*Abnormal Psychology and Life: A Dimensional Approach* 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. Kearney & Trull Cengage Publishing.  
ISBN-13 : 978-1337098106 No access card needed.

## Technology Guidelines

Students will need a functioning computer, access to the internet, and the ability to use MS Word.

**Cell phone usage:** Research supports that having visual access to a cell phone diminishes our ability to learn. Checking social media, texts, emails, and messages is unprofessional and disrespectful to our class community. Please turn off your phone during class; I will do so as well. If I notice that you are using your phone during class I may ask you to share what you are researching or ask you to put it away. Thank you for following these guidelines as they help create a positive learning community.

This course requires posting of work online that is viewable only by your classmates. None of the work submitted online will be shared publicly. Some assignments require account creation for online programs. Your academic records (grades, student IDs, personal identification information) will not be shared by the instructor of this course. Confidentiality of student work is imperative, so you should not share the work of your peers publicly without their permission. By participating in these assignments you are giving consent to sharing of your work with others in this class and you recognize there is a small risk of your work being shared online beyond the purposes of this course. If you elect to not

participate in these online assignments due to confidentiality concerns then an alternate assignment will be offered to you.

## Inclusivity Statement

It is my intent that students from all diverse backgrounds and perspectives be well-served by this course, that students' learning needs be addressed both in and out of class, and that the diversity that the students bring to this class be viewed as a resource, strength and benefit. It is my intent to present materials and activities that are respectful of diversity: gender identity, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, nationality, religion, and culture. Your suggestions are encouraged and appreciated. Please let me know ways to improve the effectiveness of the course for you personally, or for other students or student groups.

If you have experienced a bias incident (an act of conduct, speech, or expression to which a bias motive is evident as a contributing factor regardless of whether the act is criminal) at UWSP, you have the right to report it using this [link](#). You may also contact the Dean of Students office directly at [dos@uwsp.edu](mailto:dos@uwsp.edu).

## Confidentiality

Learning requires risk-taking and sharing ideas. Please keep your classmates' ideas and experiences confidential outside the classroom unless permission has been granted to share them.

## Grading Scale

---

A	100% - 93%	C+	79% - 77%
A-	92% - 90%	C	76% - 73%
B+	89% - 87%	C-	72% - 70%
B	86% - 83%	D+	69% - 67%
B-	82% - 80%	D	66% - 63%
		D-	62% - 60%
		F	59 % and below

---

**Weekly Questions:** Answers to the weekly questions should be 1-2 full paragraphs each. These observations should be written at college level and devoid of grammar, punctuation and spelling errors. Thoughts should be presented in a scholarly manner. Questions are worth 10 points each week. **You MUST create your work in Word to take advantage of spell/grammar check then copy/paste into Canvas. Do Not Attach Your Work.**

**QUIZZES:** Each week, a short quiz (10 questions or less) will be posted midweek on the text material for that week. The questions will be in multiple choice, true/false or short answer format. They will be set up as timed completion and will be due before midnight each Sunday. It is up to each student to keep up with the reading and weekly quizzes. There will be no make-up quizzes.

**EXAMS:** There will be 4 exams during the semester including the final exam. Exams will count as 20% of your final average. The exams will be worth 50 points each. If you must be absent for the exam for any reason, you must contact me no later than the day before the test to make arrangements to make up the exam. Otherwise, 0 points will be recorded and your grade computed accordingly. The last

exam will be proctored. They will be proctored in class for lecture students. If an online student, you will be expected to make arrangements for your proctored exams.

### Weekly Questions Rubric

Category	Explanation	Points
Content	The responses need to answer the question fully using a minimum of a paragraph per question.	8
Writing Mechanics	Answers should be devoid of grammatical, punctuation and spelling errors.	2
Total Points Weekly		10

**Essay:** Week 8, an essay will be assigned. A rough draft will be due week 10, with the final draft due week 11 after revisions. The paper will be created as a Word document and submitted to the Turnitin link provided for assessment of originality. Students will be editing each other's drafts on week 10.

Plagiarism will be dealt with harshly. UWSP has a firm policy against plagiarism and the consequences of failing this class and possible expulsion from the college are not worth the risk. Please take time to review the following:

Any of the following are considered plagiarism:

- ❑ turning in someone else's work as your own
- ❑ copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit as due
- ❑ failing to place quotation marks on a quotation when made
- ❑ giving incorrect credit information about a source of a quotation
- ❑ changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving proper credit
- ❑ copying so much of the words or ideas from a source that it makes up more than 25% of your work, whether you give credit or not (Turnitin.com--Research Resources)
- ❑ Changing the words from the original source is not sufficient to prevent plagiarism. If you retained the essential idea of an original source, and have not cited it, then no matter how significantly you may alter its' context or presentation, you have still plagiarized (Turnitin.com--Research Resources)

***Be careful about plagiarism. It catches someone every time.***

Essays will be created in 12 point font in New Times Roman, double spaced. Title pages will include student name, course title and section number along with my name. A successful essay will include a title page, introduction, body and conclusion. All sources used will be cited on a separate reference page and referenced when used within the paper. All of the above are required for full points. Additional resources will be provided on our class page. Here is an excellent resource for APA formatting, giving you examples for citing references within your paper, and for citing your references on the reference page. Web pages such as Urban Dictionary,

Wikipedia and Yahoo answers are not considered legitimate academic resources. Any reference should have an author name and publication date. Here is an excellent resource for APA format.

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/03/>

### Essay Rubric

Item	Description	Points
Title Page	Title of paper, student name, course name, school name, all centered.	5
Introduction	Should introduce theme and thesis statement containing 4 points	10
Body	Should have a minimum of 4 points designed to support the thesis statement. Each point should have a minimum of two paragraphs. Each point should be supported by a theory from the textbook. No more than 25% of the paper will come from outside sources.	40
Conclusion	Should summarize the body and end with a compelling or thought provoking statement or question.	10
Reference Page	Should list the class textbook, movie, cited in APA format. NO OUTSIDE SOURCES	10
Writing Mechanics	Quality of writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar use.	15
Formatting	12 point, New Times Roman, double spaced, 1 inch margins, numbered pages, APA formatting for citations.	10
Total	Paper should be 3-4 pages <b>plus</b> title & reference pages	100

**Participation:** Participation points are designed for the purpose of recognizing the very important learning that goes on in the classroom, which might not fully appear in a student's written work. It is an opportunity to earn bonus points. Each class period, individual performance will be noted on the attendance roster. Final participation grades will be based upon the sum of these marks. One valuable comment will earn a student a half point for that day. Two valuable comments will earn a maximum of one point for that day. While the quality of participation is noted, student participation is not to be understood as an examination. It is not essential that students have a "polished" statement on the course materials or a "correct" answer to my questions in order to participate. Any reasonable and useful response will count. Additionally, student's own questions can count as participation if they benefit the class. Active involvement and interaction are the goals of this grading mechanism.

### Communicating with your Instructor



Email is the quickest way to reach me at: [ddodson@uwsp.edu](mailto:ddodson@uwsp.edu)



Call my office at any time (715-346-2883). Leave a voicemail or message.



Zoom Videoconference is also available by request.

## Communicate Clearly

Remember some faculty receive as many as 100 emails per day. Yours should be clear, concise, and professional so that your issues can be responded to effectively. Include the entire thread of an ongoing email conversation so that your instructor can recall the history of your issue without searching for other emails you have sent. Sign off with your first and last name. I will not open attachments without messages or messages that are illegible.

## Office hours

I am available without an appointment on the days/times below. Individual meetings can be arranged through an email request, phone call, or conversation directly before or after class. I do not hold normal office hours during the following weeks: (Thanksgiving week, Spring Break, Summer Break, and finals weeks.) This fall, office hours will be via Zoom. You are always welcome to email me, also.

MW	Th	F
11-12pm	11-12pm	11-12pm
1-3pm	12:20-3:30pm	

## Attendance

Attending class will likely be the single most important factor in determining your performance and grade in the course, so plan to attend every class. In most class meetings you will have at least one project, exercise, test, and/or discussion that will impact your grade, and your class discussions will count toward participation. The relationship between attendance and achievement in education has been extensively documented in peer-reviewed research. ***I am not able to re-teach the material to you in the event that you are absent, but you can ask a classmate to share notes. Any exceptions to the attendance policy should be confirmed in writing.***

Please refer to the "Absences due to Military Service" and "Religious Beliefs Accommodation" below. Additionally, below are attendance guidelines as outlined by the [UWSP registrar](#):

Attend all your classes regularly. We do not have a system of permitted "cuts."

If you decide to drop a class, please do so using myPoint or visit the Enrollment Services Center. Changes in class enrollment will impact your tuition and fee balance, financial aid award and veterans educational benefit.

During the first eight days of the regular 16 week term, your instructor will take attendance. If you are not in attendance, you may be dropped from the class. You are responsible for dropping any of your enrolled classes.

- If you must be absent during the term, tell your instructor prior to the class you will miss. If you cannot reach your instructor(s) in an emergency, contact the Dean of Students Office at 715-346-2611 or [DOS@uwsp.edu](mailto:DOS@uwsp.edu).

- If you are dropped from a class due to non-attendance, you may only be reinstated to the class section using the class add process. Reinstatement to the same section or course is not guaranteed. Your instructors will explain their specific attendance policies to be followed at the beginning of each course.
- If you take part in an off-campus trip by an authorized university group such as an athletic team, musical or dramatic organization, or a class, make appropriate arrangements in advance with the instructor of each class you will miss. If you are absent from classes because of emergencies, off-campus trips, illness, or the like, your instructors will give you a reasonable amount of help in making up the work you have missed.
- If you enroll in a course and cannot begin attending until after classes have already started, you must first get permission from the department offering the course. Otherwise, you may be required to drop the course.
- If you do not make satisfactory arrangements with your instructors regarding excessive absences, you may be dismissed. If you are dismissed from a class, you will receive an F in that course. If you are dismissed from the University, you will receive an F in all enrolled courses.

## Late Work

I do not accept late work other than in the case of documentable emergencies such as medical treatment. Please be mindful of deadlines as I want you to be successful this semester.

## Emergency Procedures

- In the event of a **medical emergency call 9-1-1** or use campus phone in the Admin Office. Offer assistance if trained and willing to do so. Guide emergency responders to victim.
- In the event of a **tornado warning, proceed to the lowest level interior room** without window exposure. See [www.uwsp.edu/rmgt/Pages/em/procedures/other/floor-plans.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/rmgt/Pages/em/procedures/other/floor-plans.aspx) for floor plans showing severe weather shelters on campus. Avoid wide-span structures (gyms, pools or large classrooms).
- In the event of a **fire alarm, evacuate the building** in a calm manner. Meet at parking lot outside the building.. Notify instructor or emergency response personnel of any missing individuals.
- **Active Shooter – RUN. HIDE. FIGHT.** If trapped, hide, lock doors, turn off lights, spread out and remain quiet. Call 9-1-1 when it is safe to do so. Follow instructions of emergency responders.

See UW-Stevens Point Emergency Procedures at [www.uwsp.edu/rmgt/Pages/em/procedures](http://www.uwsp.edu/rmgt/Pages/em/procedures) for details on all emergency response at UW-Stevens Point.”

## Absences due to Military Service

As stated in the UWSP Catalog, you will not be penalized for class absence due to unavoidable or legitimate required military obligations, or medical appointments at a VA facility, [not to exceed two \(2\) weeks](#) unless special permission is granted by the instructor. You are responsible for notifying faculty members of such circumstances as far in advance as possible and for providing documentation to the Office of the Dean of Students to verify the reason for the absence. The faculty member is responsible to provide reasonable accommodations or opportunities to make up exams or other course assignments that have an impact on the course grade. For absences due to being deployed for active duty, please refer to the [Military Call-Up Instructions for Students](#).

## Religious Beliefs Accommodation

It is UW System policy ([UWS 22](#)) to reasonably accommodate your sincerely held religious beliefs with respect to all examinations and other academic requirements.

You will be permitted to make up an exam or other academic requirement at another time or by an alternative method, without any prejudicial effect, if:

- There is a scheduling conflict between your sincerely held religious beliefs and taking the exam or meeting the academic requirements; and
- You have notified your instructor within the first three weeks of the beginning of classes (first week of summer or interim courses) of the specific days or dates that you will request relief from an examination or academic requirement.
- Your instructor will accept the sincerity of your religious beliefs at face value and keep your request confidential.
- Your instructor will schedule a make-up exam or requirement before or after the regularly scheduled exam or requirement.
- You may file any complaints regarding compliance with this policy in the Equity and Affirmative Action Office.

## Equal Access for Students with Disabilities\*

UW-Stevens Point will modify academic program requirements as necessary to ensure that they do not discriminate against qualified applicants or students with disabilities. The modifications should not affect the substance of educational programs or compromise academic standards; nor should they intrude upon academic freedom. Examinations or other procedures used for evaluating students' academic achievements may be adapted. The results of such evaluation must demonstrate the student's achievement in the academic activity, rather than describe his/her disability.

*If modifications are required due to a disability, please inform the instructor and contact the [Disability and Assistive Technology Center](#) to complete an Accommodations Request form. Phone: 346-3365 or Room 609 Albertson Hall.*

## Help Resources

Tutoring

Advising

Safety and General  
Support

Health



Tutoring and Learning Center helps with Study Skills, Writing, Technology, Math, & Science. 018 Albertson Hall, ext 3568	Academic and Career Advising Center, 320 Albertson Hall, ext 3226	Dean of Students Office, 212 Old Main, ext. 2611	Counseling Center, Delzell Hall, ext. 3553. Health Care, Delzell Hall, ext. 4646
--	---	--	--

### **UWSP Service Desk**

The Office of Information Technology (IT) provides a Service Desk to assist students with connecting to the Campus Network, virus and spyware removal, file recovery, equipment loan, and computer repair. You can contact the Service Desk via email at [techhelp@uwsp.edu](mailto:techhelp@uwsp.edu) or at (715) 346-4357 (HELP) or visit this [link for more information](#).

### **Care Team**

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is committed to the safety and success of all students. The Office of the Dean of Students supports the campus community by reaching out and providing resources in areas where a student may be struggling or experiencing barriers to their success. Faculty and staff are asked to be proactive, supportive, and involved in facilitating the success of our students through early detection, reporting, and intervention. As your instructor, I may contact the Office of the Dean of Students if I sense you are in need of additional support which individually I may not be able to provide. You may also share a concern if you or another member of our campus community needs support, is distressed, or exhibits concerning behavior that is interfering with the academic or personal success or the safety of others, by reporting [here](#).

## **Academic Honesty**

Academic Integrity is an expectation of each UW-Stevens Point student. Campus community members are responsible for fostering and upholding an environment in which student learning is fair, just, and honest. Through your studies as a student, it is essential to exhibit the highest level of personal honesty and respect for the intellectual property of others. Academic misconduct is unacceptable. It compromises and disrespects the integrity of our university and those who study here. To maintain academic integrity, a student must only claim work which is the authentic work solely of their own, providing correct citations and credit to others as needed. Cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, and/or helping others commit these acts are examples of academic misconduct, which can result in disciplinary action. Failure to understand what constitutes academic misconduct does not exempt responsibility from engaging in it.

*UWSP 14.03 Academic misconduct subject to disciplinary action.*

- (1) Academic misconduct is an act in which a student:
  - (a) Seeks to claim credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization or citation;
  - (b) Uses unauthorized materials or fabricated data in any academic exercise;
  - (c) Forges or falsifies academic documents or records;
  - (d) Intentionally impedes or damages the academic work of others;
  - (e) Engages in conduct aimed at making false representation of a student's academic performance; or

(f) Assists other students in any of these acts.

(2) Examples of academic misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- Cheating on an examination
- Collaborating with others in work to be presented, contrary to the stated rules of the course
- Submitting a paper or assignment as one's own work when a part or all of the paper or assignment is the work of another
- Submitting a paper or assignment that contains ideas or research of others without appropriately identifying the sources of those ideas
- Stealing examinations or course materials
- Submitting, if contrary to the rules of a course, work previously presented in another course
- Tampering with the laboratory experiment or computer program of another student
- Knowingly and intentionally assisting another student in any of the above, including assistance in an arrangement whereby any work, classroom performance, examination or other activity is submitted or performed by a person other than the student under whose name the work is submitted or performed.

Students suspected of academic misconduct will be asked to meet with the instructor to discuss the concerns. If academic misconduct is evident, procedures for determining disciplinary sanctions will be followed as outlined in the [University System Administrative Code, Chapter 14](#).

## Other Campus Policies

### FERPA

The [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#) (FERPA) provides students with a right to protect, review, and correct their student records. Staff of the university with a clear *educational need to know* may also have to access to certain student records. Exceptions to the law include parental notification in cases of alcohol or drug use, and in case of a health or safety concern. FERPA also permits a school to disclose personally identifiable information from a student's education records, without consent, to another school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

### Title IX

UW-Stevens Point is committed to fostering a safe, productive learning environment. Title IX and institutional policy prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, which includes harassment, domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. In the event that you choose to disclose information about having survived sexual violence, including harassment, rape, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, and specify that this violence occurred while a student at UWSP, federal and state laws mandate that I, as your instructor, notify the Title IX Coordinator/Office of the Dean of Students.

Please see the information on the [Dean of Students webpage](#) for information on making confidential reports of misconduct or interpersonal violence, as well as campus and community resources available to students. For more information see the [Title IX page](#).

## Clery Act

The US Department of Education requires universities to disclose and publish campus crime statistics, security information, and fire safety information annually. Statistics for the three previous calendar years and policy statements are released on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> in our [Annual Security Report](#). Another requirement of the Clery Act, is that the campus community must be given timely warnings of ongoing safety threats and immediate/emergency notifications. For more information about when and how these notices will be sent out, please see our [Jeanne Clery Act](#) page.

## Drug Free Schools and Communities Act

The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) requires institutions of higher education to establish policies that address unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illicit drugs. The DFSCA also requires the establishment of a drug and alcohol prevention program. The Center for Prevention lists information about alcohol and drugs, their effects, and the legal consequences if found in possession of these substances. [Center for Prevention – DFSCA](#)

## Copyright infringement

This is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act. Each year students violate these laws and campus policies, putting themselves at risk of federal prosecution. For more information about what to expect if you are caught, or to take preventive measures to keep your computing device clean, visit our [copyright page](#).

## COVID19

### Face Coverings:

- At all UW-Stevens Point campus locations, the wearing of face coverings is mandatory in all buildings, including classrooms, laboratories, studios, and other instructional spaces. Any student with a condition that impacts their use of a face covering should contact the [Disability and Assistive Technology Center](#) to discuss accommodations in classes. Please note that unless everyone is wearing a face covering, in-person classes cannot take place. This is university policy and not up to the discretion of individual instructors. Failure to adhere to this requirement could result in formal withdrawal from the course.

### Other Guidance:

- Please monitor your own health each day using [this screening tool](#). If you are not feeling well or believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, do not come to class; email your instructor and contact Student Health Service (715-346-4646).
  - As with any type of absence, students are expected to communicate their need to be absent and complete the course requirements as outlined in the syllabus.
- Maintain a minimum of 6 feet of physical distance from others whenever possible.
- Do not congregate in groups before or after class; stagger your arrival and departure from the classroom, lab, or meeting room.
- Wash your hands or use appropriate hand sanitizer regularly and avoid touching your face.
- Please maintain these same healthy practices outside the classroom.

## Course Schedule

Week 1 Unit 1	Syllabus, Course Overview, Introductions Chapter 1 – Abnormal Psych & Life- Discussion Board, Weekly Questions & Quiz due 1/29
Week 2	Chapter 2 – Perspectives on Abnormal Psy – DB, WQ & Quiz due 2/5
Week 3	Chapter 3 – Risk & Prevention of Mental Disorders - DB, WQ & Quiz due 2/12 - <b>1<sup>st</sup> Exam</b>
Week 4 Unit 2	Chapter 4 – Diagnosis & Assessment – DB, WQ & Quiz due 2/19
Week 5	Chapter 5 – Anxiety, OCD & Trauma – DB, WQ & Quiz due 2/26
Week 6	Chapter 6 -Somatic & Dissociative Disorders – DB, WQ & Quiz due 3/5
Week 7	Chapter 7 – Depression, Bipolar & Suicide – DB, WQ & Quiz due 3/12 - <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Exam</b>
Week 8 Unit 3	Chapter 8 – Eating Disorders – Assign Essay -DB, WQ & Quiz due 3/19
Week 9	Chapter 9 – Substance Disorders – DB, WQ & Quiz due 4/2
Week 10	Chapter 10 – Personality Disorders – DB, WQ, Quiz & Essay Draft due 4/9
Week 11	Chapter 11 – Sexual Dysfunction –DB, WQ, & Quiz 4/16- <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Exam – Essay Due</b>
Week 12 Unit 4	Chapter 12 – Schizophrenia – DB, WQ & Quiz due 4/23
Week 13	Chapter 13 – Developmental Disorders – DB, WQ & Quiz due 4/30
Week 14	Chapter 14 – Neurocognitive Disorders – DB, WQ, Quiz 5/7
Week 15	Chapter 15 – Consumer Guide to Ab Psy – DB, WQ & Quiz due 5/14
Week 16	Finals Week – <b>4<sup>th</sup> Exam 5/15-19</b>