PSY519 Psychopathology

Reformed Theological Seminary–Orlando
Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., 3 hours
Fall Semester, 2011
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PURPOSE
The purpose of this course is to introduce you to the study of psychopathology or abnormal behavior based on the DSM-IV-TR nosology. We will be exploring an integrated and multidimensional perspective of maladaptive behavior patterns and their current treatment modes. Focus will be given to making accurate diagnoses of mental disorders and developing an adequate understanding of the differences between them. In addition, you are encouraged to examine the relationship of sin and psychopathology based on a Christian worldview.

OBJECTIVES
At the completion of this course, students should demonstrate the following competencies:
1. Be familiar with and able to discuss the DSM-IV-TR multiaxial classification of mental disorders and the criteria for diagnosing these disorders.
2. Be able to apply the DSM-IV classification system in determining the appropriate diagnosis of clinical cases.
3. Have a substantial foundation of knowledge about psychopathology to apply in formulating appropriate and effective intervention strategies to treat a broad spectrum of psychopathological conditions.
4. Identify various ways of obtaining information necessary to make diagnoses.
5. Describe the process one uses to make differential diagnoses.
6. Understand the multiple causes of psychopathology and discern the appropriate treatment modalities and placement criteria within the continuum of care.
7. Exemplify a commitment to the reality of a Christian worldview in discussing the relationship of sin and psychopathology.
8. Differentiate between diagnosis and developmentally appropriate reactions during crises, disasters, and other trauma-causing events.
9. Know the basic classifications, indications, and contraindications of commonly prescribed psychopharmacological medications so that appropriate referrals can be made for medication evaluations, and identifying effects and side effects of such medications.

LEARNING FORMAT
Lecture, weekly reading, recorded interviews, movie clips, case study review, and class discussion.

REQUIRED TEXTS

**RECOMMENDED READING**

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**
1. **Take Home Exams.**
   There will be two (2) take home mid-term exams and a take home final. Each exam will cover the assigned readings and class lectures, and will be cumulative. You are free to use your lecture notes, the DSM-IV-TR, and any other written or online resources you deem helpful. However, this is an *individual* project—you may not consult with any other person. The exams will consist of several brief case histories from which you will make appropriate DSM-IV-TR multiaxial diagnoses (answers will be in a multiple choice format).

2. **Weekly Quizzes**
   There will be a weekly quiz given the last 10 minutes of each class beginning on September 1 and ending November 17. The quizzes will be based on the required reading for the lecture topic being covered in class that day, and the material covered in the class that day. The quizzes will consist of 5 multiple choice questions, and each quiz is worth 10 points. If you are not satisfied with your quiz grade, you may retake the same quiz during the 10 minute period prior to the next class. If a quiz is missed, students may take the missed quiz during the makeup time the following week. A makeup quiz may not be retaken. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped.

**COURSE SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS**

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| 1    | 8/25 | Introduction to the DSM-IV-TR, classification and diagnosis; mental status exam | *Y., B., & M.*, Ch. 1-4  
*DSM IV* pp. xxiii-xxxvii, 1-37, 743  
*D. & B.*, Ch. 1, pp. 1-7;  
Ch. 2; Ch. 3, pp. 68-89 |
| 2    | 9/1  | Mood Disorders | *Y., B., & M.*, Ch. 6  
*DSM IV* pp. 345-428  
*O., M., N., D.*, Ch. 7, 8  
*R.*, Ch. 5  
*D. & B.*, Ch. 6, pp. 194-232 |
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| 3 9/8 | Anxiety Disorders | Y., B., & M., Ch. 5  
DSM IV pp. 429-484  
O., M., N., D., Ch. 2, 4  
D. & B., Ch. 6, pp. 232-239; Ch. 4 |
| 4 9/15 | Adjustment Disorders, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder | Y., B., & M., Ch. 5  
DSM IV pp. 679-683, 463-472, 731-736  
O., M., N., D., Ch. 1, 3  
D. & B., Ch. 4 |
| 5 9/22 | Somatoform and Dissociative Disorders | Y., B., & M., Ch. 8  
DSM IV pp. 485-511, 519-533  
O., M., N., D., Ch. 6  
D. & B., Ch. 5 |
| 6 9/29 | Eating Disorders | Y., B., & M., Ch. 8  
DSM IV pp. 535-582  
O., M., N., D., Ch. 16, 17  
D. & B., Ch. 8 |
| 7 10/6 | Paraphilias and Sexual Disorders | Y., B., & M., Ch. 11  
DSM IV pp. 535-582  
O., M., N., D., Ch. 13, 14, 15; D. & B., Ch. 9 |
| 8 10/13 | No class, reading week | |
| 9 10/20 | Schizophrenia and Psychotic Disorders | Y., B., & M., Ch. 9  
DSM IV pp. 297-343  
O., M., N., D., Ch. 10, 11  
D. & B., Ch. 12 |
| 10 10/27 | Personality Disorders | Y., B., & M., Ch. 10  
DSM IV pp. 685-729  
O., M., N., D., Ch. 18, 20  
D. & B., Ch. 11 |
| 11 11/3 | Personality Disorders | Y., B., & M., Ch. 10  
DSM IV pp. 685-729  
O., M., N., D., Ch. 19  
D. & B., Ch. 11 |
12  11/10  Disorders of Childhood and Adolescence  
   Y., B., & M., Ch. 12
   *DSM IV* pp. 39-134
   O., M., N., D., Ch. 21, 22, 23
   D. & B., Ch. 13

   **Take home midterm 2 due at beginning of class**

13  11/17  Substance Abuse and Other Addictive Disorders  
   Y., B., & M., Ch. 7
   *DSM IV* pp. 191-295
   O., M., N., D., Ch. 12
   D. & B., Ch. 10

14  11/24  No class, Thanksgiving

15  12/1  Psychopharmacology for Counselors  
   D. & B., pp. 41-50

   **Take home final exam distributed**

12/8  **Take home final exam due December 8, 2011 in the Scott Coupland’s mailbox by 5 pm.**

**GRADING SCALE**
Listed below are the assignments that will determine your final course grade.

2 Mid-term Exams (at 80 points each)  160 points 
Final Exam  80 points 
Quizzes  100 points 
Total Points  340 points

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| F     | 237 points and below

**ACADEMIC STANDARDS**
If you should miss a class, you are expected to contact another student regarding the information covered.

All exams are due on the date specified in the syllabus. For each day an exam is late, 10 points will be deducted from the score of the assignment.

Plagiarism/cheating will result in the failure of the course.