

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science) / Bachelor of Science
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSP 255/ICBI 411
Course Title Introduction to Abnormal Psychology / Psychopathology
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** ICSS Introduction to Psychology
5. **Type of Course** Elective for Psychology Minor and Biomedical programme or GE requirement
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** Third trimester, every year
7. **Course Description**
 The definition, assessment, and classification of abnormal behaviour. Historical approaches to the understanding and treatment of abnormal behaviour. Psychotherapies and biological treatments.
8. **Course Objective (s)**
 An introduction to the field of abnormal psychology / psychopathology.

9. Course Outline

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Introduction, definitions, concepts	4	Dr. Paul Yablo
2	Historical views	4	
3	Etiology / paradigms / models / perspectives	4	
4	Anxiety disorders	4	
5	Mood disorders	4	
6	Personality disorders	4	
7	Schizophrenia	4	
8	Clinical assessment	4	
9	Biologically - based treatments	4	
10	Psychologically - based therapies	4	
11	Cross - cultural issues	4	
	Total	44	

N.B. The lecturer reserves the right to vary the topics as seen fit.

10. Teaching Method (s)

Lectures; classroom discussion.

11. Teaching Media

Assigned texts and reader.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

(i.e. Grading scheme) : Grades given according to a predetermined scale as follows : A = 80 - 100; B+ = 75 - 79; B = 70 - 74; C+ = 65 - 69; C = 60 - 64; D+ = 55 - 59; D = 50 - 54; F < 49.

13. Course evaluation

(i.e. Grading components) : Evaluations are based on two examinations (midterm, final) which each consist of 50% of the total. Questions are of the short answer format.

14. Reference (s)

Carson, R.C., Butcher, J.N., & Mineka, S. (1998). *Abnormal psychology and modern life*. NY : Longman.

Halgin, R.P. & Whitbourne, S.K. (1998). *A casebook in abnormal psychology : From the file of experts*. NY : Oxford University Press.

Selected readings will also be required, including :

1. Szasz, T. (1960). The myth of mental illness. *American Psychologist*, 15, 113 - 118.
2. Ausubel, D.P. (1961). Personality disorder is disease. *American Psychologist*, 16, 69 - 74.
3. Rosenhan, D.L. (1973). On being sane in insane places. *Science*, 179, 250 - 258.
4. Spitzer, R.L. (1975). On pseudoscience in science, logic in remission, and psychiatric diagnosis : A critique of Rosenhan's "On being sane in insane places." *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 84, 442 - 452.
5. Weisz, J.R., Suwanlert, S., Chaiyasit, W., & Walter, B.R. (1987). Over - and undercontrolled referral problems among children and adolescents from Thailand and the United States : The wat and wai of cultural differences. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 55(5), 719 - 726.

(handout taken from Kendall, P.C. & Hammen, C. (1995). *Abnormal psychology*.

Boston : Houghton - Mifflin, pp. 19 - 21.

15. Instructor (s)

Dr. Paul Yablo

16. Course Coordinator

Dr. Paul Yablo