

NOTE: The following is a tentative Course Outline & Schedule. The instructor reserves the right to modify any aspect of this course in order to adapt to class size, student abilities and knowledge base, class pace, etc., as well as any other practical consideration beyond the instructor's control.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignments</u>
8/24	Review of Syllabus & Introduction	Required readings: None
8/31	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	Required readings: Chapter 1
9/7	Happy Labor Day!	No Class Meeting
9/14	Models of Abnormal Behavior	Required readings: Chapter 3
9/21	Clinical Assessment, Diagnosis, and Treatment	Required readings: Chapter 4
9/28	EXAM # 1 Chapters 1, 3 & 4	
10/5	Anxiety Disorders	Required readings: Chapters 5 & 6 Web Cases: Tina, Allison & Jake
10/12	Mood Disorders	Required readings: Chapters 8, 9, & 10 Web Cases: Ellen
10/19	Mood Disorders (cont.)	Required readings: Chapters 8, 9, & 10
10/26	EXAM # 2 Chapters 5, 6, 8, 9, & 10	
11/2	Schizophrenia	Required readings: Chapter 14 Web Cases: Randy
11/9	Schizophrenia (cont.)	Required readings: Chapter 15
11/16	Personality Disorders	Required readings: Chapter 16
11/23	EXAM # 3 Chapters 14, 15 & 16	
11/30	Substance-Related Disorders	Required readings: Chapter 12 Web Cases: Jerry
12/7	Eating Disorders	Required readings: Chapter 11
12/16	EXAM # 4 Chapters 11 & 12 Wednesday, 1:00 - 2:50 p.m.	

A link to each Web Case can be found at http://bcs.worthpublishers.com/comerabpsych7e/#499319_501277

Please Note: If scheduled class meetings/exam days are cancelled due to weather conditions or any other unforeseen circumstance, the instructor will post instructions and re-scheduled dates on her website.

Student Performance Activities

Class Attendance & Participation

Attendance Material presented in class will include material from sources other than the textbook. If you do not attend class, you will be at a disadvantage on the exams, which will cover material from the textbook and class lectures. Students are expected to be punctual and to attend all class meetings. *Each absence will result in a loss of 1 point.* Arriving late or leaving early will also result in a loss of 1 point for each occurrence. You may have a total of two (2) un-excused absences. Any student who is absent for any legitimate reason (cf. *Student Handbook*) is responsible for all work missed and should arrange with the course instructor to make up missed assignments as soon as possible. You will be responsible for all material presented in class and any assignment or evaluation changes that are announced in class. Poor class attendance will have an adverse impact on your grade. It is your responsibility to keep track of your attendance.

Grading and Course Requirements:

The final grade for the course is based on a maximum possible total of 100 points, and will include the average of all exams as well as an Attendance and Participation component:

Exams There will be Four (4) tests. Three of the tests will take place during the semester and the fourth test will occur during the final examination period. The tests will be multiple choice. The exams are not cumulative. If you miss an exam due to illness or other university excused absence, you **MUST** leave me an E-MAIL message PRIOR TO the scheduled exam. You may be required to provide documentation for this absence (e.g., a note from the doctor). Failure to contact me, or to provide documentation for the absence if requested will result in a grade of 0 for the exam. Make-up exams may differ in form and content. Each exam will be scored on the basis of 100 points. The average of all exams will count for **90%** of the final grade. Exams will cover readings, lectures and discussion, and any relevant audiovisuals. Students are responsible for all assigned reading material, even if **not** covered in class. Please bring a **Scantron** sheet to each exam. Exam dates are tentative. Exams will be scheduled after the material included is covered.

Class Attendance & Participation Counts **10% of the final Grade**. Participation involves being prepared to discuss cases, asking relevant questions, making pertinent observations, sharing thoughts and knowledge based on your own reflections and independent reading. You are expected to:

1. Read assigned material before class meets.
Reading the chapters of the text and assigned cases before class meetings will be helpful to enhance your understanding of material discussed in class.
2. Be prepared to discuss readings, ideas, and experiences as well as provide feedback to classmates.
3. Take part in class activities

Make-up Policy: If a legitimate, unusual circumstance prevents you from taking an exam at the scheduled time, you must notify the instructor **in advance** to schedule a make-up exam date. Otherwise, no make-up exam will be permitted. All decisions regarding a make-up exam arrangement are at the discretion of the professor.

Evaluation of Student Achievement and Learning Outcomes

Final Grade will be based on the following components & percentages:

	<u>% of Final Grade</u>
1. Exams #1 - #4*	90% average of all exams
2. Class Attendance & Participation	10%

Grading will be based on the following percentage of total points accrued:

A = 90% + ; B = 80% +; C = 70% +; D = 60% +; F = 60% and below

Academic Dishonesty: Any form of cheating on any exam or assignment will result in either failure of the given exam or assignment or failure of the course. This decision will be dependent upon the individual circumstances. Cheating includes copying material of others, allowing others to copy from your exam when you can see that they are doing so, or not reporting cheating that you happen to notice. On assignments, cheating will also include any form of plagiarism. If you have any questions about what constitutes plagiarism, see the instructor BEFORE the assignment is due.

Students are advised that the last date during the semester when they may drop a course with an automatic "W" will be Friday, November 11th, 2009. If you decide to drop after this date, you will receive the grade you have earned up to the drop date. The grade of "C" will only be assigned if your grade is a "D" or higher; and an "F" will be assigned if you stop attending and have not turned in assignments or have not taken scheduled tests prior to the drop date. Students wishing to visit with the instructor about their standing in the class may visit her in her office. Office hours are posted on the door.

Please, **provide me with a current e-mail address that you check regularly**. I will use e-mail to notify students of any assignment changes. I will also use e-mail to send you forms and documents that you are expected to print out and bring to the next class session. In order to read and use the .pdf files that I have posted and/or will send, students are expected to use the latest version of Adobe's Acrobat Reader. This free software is available for download at: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>, as well as by clicking the Acrobat button on the instructor's Home Page.

Students With Disabilities If any member of the class feels that he/she has a disability and needs special accommodations, please advise the instructor of such disability at the first class attended.

Inclement Weather/Disaster Policy

The following are basic premises for the inclement weather policy at Northeastern State University:

1. Classes are expected to be held if at all possible.
2. It is the student's responsibility to receive the information when weather is questionable.
3. Neither students nor faculty are expected to risk life or limb.
4. Faculty members are obligated to hold classes if the University is not closed, unless the faculty member is unable to get to campus.

Policy: During times of inclement weather, decisions concerning day classes will be made by 6:00 a.m. in order for the media to be notified and for students to receive the announcement before they leave home. Decisions concerning night classes will be made by 3:00 p.m. The following media will be notified regarding closing of the campus:

Radio Stations:

KRMG 740 AM	Tulsa
KAYI 107FM	Tulsa
KTLQ 1350 AM	Tahlequah
KEOK 102 FM	Tahlequah
KBIX 1490 AM	Muskogee
KMMTY 97 FM	Muskogee
KVOO 1170 AM	Tulsa

Television Stations:

KJRH Channel 2	Tulsa
KOTV Channel 6	Tulsa
KTUL Channel 8	Tulsa
KFSM Channel 5	Fort Smith
Cable Channel 96	Tahlequah

The automated attendant message on 918-456-5511 will be modified to include information concerning campus operation during inclement weather.

List of Required Web-Based Case Studies

Chapter 5	Allison: Generalized Anxiety Disorder
	Tina: Anxiety and Panic Disorders
	Jake: Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
Chapter 8, 9, 10	Ellen: Depression and Suicidality
Chapter 12	Jerry: Alcohol Dependence
Chapter 14 & 15	Randy: Schizophrenia