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Winter Quarter 2008

STMC 571.01—Psychopathology

Hunthausen Rm. 100
Mon. 1:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

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Office Hours: After class or by appointment.

Resources and Texts

Barlow, David H. and V. Mark Durand. *Abnormal Psychology: An Interactive Approach, 4th Ed.* Belmont, CA: Thomson/Wadsworth, 2005.

American Psychiatric Association. *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, Text Revision (DSM-IV-TR)*. Washington, D.C.: Author, 2000.

Sadock, Benjamin J. and Virginia A. Sadock. *Synopsis of Psychiatry: Behavioral Sciences/Clinical Psychiatry* 10th Ed. New York: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2007.

SU Angel Website for this course: (logon with your SU email user name and password) <https://angel.seattleu.edu/angel/frameIndex.htm>. You can also access this site by typing “angel” into the search box of SU’s homepage.

Description and Course Goals

In this course, Pastoral Counselors in training (PCT) are introduced to current and historical theories of psychopathology, diagnostic categories currently used by the DSM-IV-TR, and specialized terminology associated with mental disorders in the human person. The readings and academic assignments required for successful completion of this course are designed to systematically expose students, using an integrative holistic approach, to mental health issues using biological, social, psychological, and spiritual methods of understanding, assessment, and treatment. Current categories of mental disorder classification and related treatment strategies are presented in the context of multicultural, spiritual, and theological understandings of the human person and the multiple pastoral roles and multiple counselor tasks needed for professional, clinical pastoral counseling in the modern Church and world.

The organizing theme of Seattle University’s graduate programs in Pastoral Counseling can be summarized by the following mission statement: “Preparing students for high quality work in multiple settings by providing solid theological, psychological, and clinical education/training.” To this end, this course is designed to meet the core content, coursework equivalency requirement in the area of “psychopathology/abnormal psychology” of the mental health counselor education and licensing guidelines for Washington State. (WAC 246-809-221, last updated 5/20/05).

Requirements

Attendance: Class sessions are the primary means by which the instructor and the Pastoral Counselors in training can share the material introduced in the assigned readings and other activities. Therefore, attendance at all sessions of the course is essential, and absences will negatively affect your final course grade. If you know you will need to miss more than one class session during this quarter, please think seriously about taking this core course at a different time.

Participation: Directly related to attendance is the importance of active preparation and participation in all class activities and discussions. A theory course of this type requires that all students read and understand assigned materials; learn a complex lexicon of technical terms and definitions; and demonstrate verbally and in writing that the material covered in this course is not only understood but can actively be used in your professional work with clients and colleagues.

Quizzes: A 10 pt. quiz will be collected each class session covering the material that was read and reviewed for that class period. The quiz will be made available on Angel no later than 24 hrs. before each class meeting. Each student is required to print a personal copy of the quiz, complete it, and turn it into the instructor at the beginning of each class. If you learn best by discussing complicated issues with a colleague, you can assume the instructor's permission to discuss your understanding of one or more of the quiz questions with another member of the class **after you have read all assigned readings**. This accommodation is made for adult learners and should not be abused (e.g., do not wait until the last minute and copy off of a classmate, do not discuss the quiz with students who have not done the reading; and do not divide the questions so that "you do questions 1 through 5 and I will do questions 6 through 10").

Research Paper (due on or before last class meeting at 1:30 p.m.): Within the first three weeks of class, choose a topic of interest related to psychopathology and pastoral counseling. In addition to the assigned readings required for this class, read and/or consult other professional materials (e.g., academic texts, professional articles, Internet resources, in-person interviews, etc.). After completing your focused research, organize your new learning into a 7 to 10 page academic research paper using the APA writing style. All focused research topics must be approved by the instructor. Possible topics of research could be a) a particular psychological theory as it relates to psychopathology, b) a particular mental illness, c) a proven form of treatment for one or more mental disorders, or d) a current or historical person who advanced the science and art of clinical counseling and/or pastoral care. In general, my policy is that an academic paper has not been officially received by me unless a) you put a hard copy of the paper into my hand, b) you put a hard copy of the paper into my STM mailbox, or c) you receive a confirmation email from me that I have in fact received an electronic copy of your paper as an MS Word attachment (saved in MS 2003 format).

COURSE CALENDAR

Week One: Introduction to Psychopathology

Week Two: Integrative Approach to the Study of Psychopathology, Mental Health Research, and Statistics 101

Week Three: Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders

Week Four: Anxiety Disorders

Week Five: Somatic and Dissociative Disorders

Week Six: Mood Disorders and Suicide

Week Seven: Personality Disorders

Week Eight: Developmental and Cognitive Disorders

Week Nine: Sexual Disorders and Substance Dependence

Week Ten: Final Topics of Importance, Review, and Course Evaluation

Evaluation/Grading

Grading for the weekly quizzes, participation/attendance, and focused research assignments will be assessed according to Seattle University's Grading System: A = Superior Performance; B = Good Performance; and C = Minimal Performance for graduate courses. Your final grade will be based on your participation and cumulative growth in achieving the goals and objectives of this course and the STM program in which you are enrolled.

Each requirement for this course will be weighted as follows:

- 30% Mastery of information in the assigned readings demonstrated by active participation, using appropriate technical language, in all course exercises and discussions;
- 30% Weekly Quizzes;
- 40% Research Paper.

If you would like the instructor to return your graded research paper and final course grade to you at the end of the quarter, please include with your final assignment a self-addressed stamped envelop. If you would like to collect your graded papers at the STM receptionist desk, include with your paper a large envelop on which you write your name and all relevant course information (i.e., Brehob—STMC 571 Psychopathology). All uncollected papers will be destroyed 30 days after the end of the quarter.

If you will need special accommodations for a diagnosed learning disability or physical limitation, follow the policies and procedures outlined in your student handbook, obtain the necessary materials from the appropriate university officials, and present the required documentation to the instructor by the second week of class so that appropriate accommodations can be arranged.

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