SPECIAL NOTE TO THE STUDENT:
This syllabus will serve as a contract between you and the instructor. If you stay in this course, you are agreeing to abide by the guidelines and standards in this document. If you feel that you are unwilling or unable to abide by the standards and guidelines in this document, you are STRONGLY encouraged to take this course from another instructor.

TEXTBOOK (Required):

PURPOSE:
The primary purpose is to promote an understanding of the etiology, diagnosis, and treatment of psychological disorders. Please note that you are not qualified to provide diagnostic or treatment services, even informally, as a result of taking this course.

OBJECTIVES:
- Familiarity with the DSM-IV-TR
- Familiarity with the Process of Assessment and Diagnosis
- Familiarity with Etiology and Treatment of Psychological Disorders
- Increased Writing Competency
- Enhanced Critical Thinking Skills

GRADING:
All students will have a chance to earn an A in this course. The instructor does NOT use a normal curve when determining grades. The following point system and grade scale will be used.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Modality</th>
<th>Points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Exam I</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exam II</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exam III</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exam IV</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Case Studies</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chapter Homework Assignments</td>
<td>300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>1000</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>


**Exams:**
The exams will consist of multiple-choice items. The exams are NOT comprehensive, and they will be designed to last approximately 1 hour.

You will be able to access the exams at any WSU Testing Center via ChiTester. Each exam will be available to you from the beginning of the term until the deadline noted in Canvas. There is no penalty for completing exams early. If you do not take the exam by the deadline, you have 2 business days to complete the exam, but a 20% penalty will be taken. If you do not complete the exam by the end of the 2-business day window, your score will be a zero. There will be no way to make up these points, so you will want to take the exam on time.

It is my expectation that you work alone and NOT use your textbook or any notes as you take the exams. Cheating on exams will result in immediate failure of the course and a report of your behavior to the department chair and the Dean of Students.

**Chapter Homework Assignments:**
The Homework Assignments are available on Canvas from the first day of the term until the deadline noted on Canvas. You can repeat each assignment as many times as you like until you get the score you want. The computer only records the highest score. Because you have easy access to the Homework for such a long time, LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**Case Studies:**
You will write about a case study. The case study options are on Canvas. You then select an option and Web-Based Case Studies. You can choose any case study, and write the following: the diagnosis and your rationale for
choosing that diagnosis, details about the etiology you choose, and appropriate treatment based on the etiology you chose. The deadline for the case study will be noted on Canvas. Late submissions will be subjected to the same policy used for late exams.

You will be graded on the accuracy of the content, as well as grammar, spelling, and sentence structure. You are strongly advised

**Extra Credit:**
Ten chapter homework assignments are required, but there are 11 available. If you complete all 11 homework assignments, you can earn up to 30 points of extra credit per quiz.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**
While every effort will be made to adhere to the course outline, all times, topics, and subjects covered will be at the instructor’s discretion and could change. Advance notice will be given if a change is necessary.

As previously stated, your instructor uses Canvas for this course. You will have access to lecture notes, your grade book, and email in this environment. Please check your grade book often to ensure that your assignment and exam grades are entered properly. I may also email the class with announcements.

**Emergency Closure:** If for any reason the university is forced to close for an extended period of time, we will conduct our class via Canvas. Look for announcements on Canvas. Code Purple is a good way to be alerted to campus closures, and you are encouraged to sign up for it.

It is very important that you maintain academic integrity. Any evidence of cheating on exams or engaging in plagiarism will result in immediate failure of the course. Also, a report of your academic dishonesty will be submitted to the Psychology Department Chair and the Dean of Students.

**DISABILITY NOTICE:**
Any student requiring accommodations or services due to a disability must contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) in Room 181 of the Student Services Center (or Room 221 at the Davis Campus). SSD can also arrange to provide course materials (including this syllabus) in alternative formats upon request. Please refer to SSD's website for more information: [http://weber.edu/ssd](http://weber.edu/ssd).