PSYC 3203 – Abnormal Psychology

Unit of Study Code: PSYC3203

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Format of Unit:
2 x 1 hour lectures/week x 13 weeks
1 x 1 hour tutorial/week x 12 weeks

Credit Point Value: 4 Credit Points

Qualifying:
12 credit points of Intermediate Psychology
Assessment:  
Classwork:  
10% Group Presentation (10 minutes);  
30% leaflet (600 words)  
Due Dates (varies)  

Examination:  
60% multiple choice questions  

Evaluation of teaching  
and learning:  
Date: week 13 of semester  
Type: questionnaire  

Unit of study general description:  
The main aim of this course is to stimulate student’s interest in how we define psychopathology and what the various causes of psychopathology may be. Possible treatments will also be briefly explored.  

Teaching outcomes:  
A. Students will be able to discriminate between what is considered psychologically abnormal and normal from an international perspective.  
B. Students will be able to accurately define common diagnostic terms in abnormal psychology.  
C. Students will be able to describe common syndromes encountered in mental health settings.  
D. Students will be able to use the DSM-IV for the classification of mental disorders.  
E. Students will be able to appropriately critique readings and research in abnormal psychology.  

Evidence of learning:  
The learning outcomes will be assessed through the participation in the tutorials (all learning outcomes), the leaflet and presentation (outcomes 2,3,4,5) and the multiple choice exam (outcomes 1,2,3,4).  

SYLLABUS  
The following is the lecture outline which contains the entire syllabus.  

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REFERENCES  
To be announced in lectures.