WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS FOR ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
T/Th 7:45-9:00 a.m. PSYC 2043 Spring 2005
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General Instructions for written homework reports:

Please note that these are general instructions which must be followed for completing the written assignments except for assignment #4 for which some different instructions are given.

All assignments must be double-spaced. The papers for written assignments should be double-spaced, that is, a blank line should be left between printed or written lines.

Length: If typed, length should be a minimum of one full page. If handwritten, papers should be a minimum of two pages in length. A title page or cover sheet for homework reports is not required, but is acceptable if desired.

Reference sources: A minimum of two reference sources should be used to write the paper; the textbook must be used as one of the reference sources for all reports except assignment #3.

Reference sources must be listed at the end of the paper: The two reference sources need to be listed at the end of the paper as they would in a bibliography or on a reference page at the end of a research paper. For internet sources, both the date of access of material and date of the last update of the material needs to be noted in the reference listing.

Either a rough draft or some type of information on the reference source or sources used other than the textbook must be turned in with the paper. If an internet source is used as the second reference source, a printout of the internet source material must be obtained, as websites are subject to updates and there needs to be a printed record of the material as it existed when it was employed as a reference; you may elect to use the selection option on the print manager and print only the portion of the website you used as reference material for your report. If the reference source (other than the textbook) is not an internet source, there are several choices as to the type of documentation which may be turned in with the homework assignment. One choice is to turn in a rough draft (must be a rough draft and not just a second printout of the report). Another choice would be to make photocopies of the pages of a book or journal used as a reference. A third choice would be to make notes from the source other than the course textbook as a method of documenting the reference; this choice may also be used for internet documentation in the event of a printer malfunction.

Keep a photocopy of the paper in the event that the original is misplaced or damaged.

The font size for the paper should be no larger than a 12 point.

Assignment 1: Pick a topic from the material covered in Chap. 16, Violence and Abuse, in the textbook from which to write a report. A look at the chapter outline on page 501 in the textbook may be helpful in suggesting a topic. Related topics such as serial killers, terrorism, etc., are also acceptable. Due date: Thurs., Jan. 27, 2005.
Assignment 2: Write a report about one of the psychotic disorders covered in Chap. 13 in the textbook, Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders. Due date: Thurs., Feb. 10, 2005.

Assignment 3: This report should cover a topic selected from Chap. 10, Substance Abuse and Dependence. Due date: Thurs., Feb. 24, 2005.

Assignment 4: Turn in plans for the semester project for doing either service learning or a research paper. Revised due date: Thurs., Mar. 10, 2005. Please follow the instructions given here for Assignment #3 rather than the general instructions above.

If you are doing service learning, you will need to go the college website, www.nwacc.edu, click on the Site Index, and then scroll down and click on Service Learning, then click on Student Information. You can review the list of Community Partners to see which sites have been approved for psychology and pick a site at which you wish to work. Service learning forms may be accessed from the website. Your homework assignment is to write down a report of your progress, that is, list the site you have selected, and report on your progress in contacting the agency. Also, report your preliminary plans for how you believe you will be able to relate your onsite experience at the agency to abnormal psychology. You may speak with the instructor about your plans to help decide what you will do.

If you are doing a research paper, you will need to (1) turn in your chosen topic for the paper, (2) turn in two reference sources you have located related to the topic, and (3) you will need to state what formal writing style you intend to use for your paper, either APA or MLA. List the two reference sources in the homework assignment as the references would be formally listed on the reference or works cited page of the research paper.

Assignment 5: Write a report on one of the dissociative disorders or one the somatoform disorders in Chap. 7, Dissociative and Somatoform Disorders. Due date: Thurs., Mar. 31, 2005.


Assignment 6: Go to Chap. 14 in the textbook, Abnormal Behavior in Childhood and Adolescence, and pick one of the disorders to write about for this report. Due date: Thurs., Apr. 28, 2005.