



Psychology (PSYC) 435

Abnormal Psychology (Revision 8)

Status: Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#) for the current revision ✕

Delivery mode: Individualized study [↗](#) with eText [↗](#)

Credits: 3

Areas of study: Arts or Social Science

Prerequisites: PSYC 289, PSYC 290, and PSYC 356 are strongly recommended.

Precluded: PSYC 335. (PSYC 435 cannot be taken for credit if credit has already been obtained for PSYC 335.)

Challenge: PSYC 435 has a challenge for credit option.

Faculty: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences [↗](#)

Overview

PSYC 435 examines human behaviours and mental phenomena that diverge widely from the normal.

Outline

- Unit 1: Abnormal Psychology: Overview and Research Approaches
- Unit 2: Historical and Contemporary Views of Abnormal Behaviour
- Unit 3: Causal Factors and Viewpoints
- Unit 4: Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis
- Unit 5: Stress and Physical and Mental Health
- Unit 6: Panic, Anxiety, Obsessions, and Their Disorders
- Unit 7: Mood Disorders and Suicide
- Unit 8: Somatic Symptom and Dissociative Disorders
- Unit 9: Eating Disorders and Obesity

- Unit 10: Personality Disorders
- Unit 11: Substance-Related Disorders
- Unit 12: Sexual Variants, Abuse, and Dysfunctions
- Unit 13: Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders
- Unit 14: Neurocognitive Disorders
- Unit 15: Disorders of Childhood and Adolescence
- Unit 16: Psychological Treatment
- Unit 17: Contemporary and Legal Issues in Abnormal Psychology

Evaluation


To **receive credit** [↗](#) for PSYC 435, you must complete all course assignments and achieve a composite course grade of at least **D (50 percent)** [↗](#), and a grade of at least 50 percent on the final examination. The weighting of assignments is as follows:

Activity	Weight
Five Quizzes	25%
Term Paper	35%
Final Exam	40%
Total	100%

The **final examination** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the **Exams and grades** [↗](#) section of the Calendar.

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's **online Calendar** [↗](#).

Materials

Hooley J. M., Butcher, J. N., Nock, M. K., Mineka, S. (2020). Abnormal psychology (18th ed.). Boston: Pearson Education, Inc.  (eText)

eText

Registration in this course includes an electronic textbook. For more information on **electronic textbooks** [↗](#), please refer to our **eText Initiative site** [↗](#).

Other Materials

Other course materials include a Workbook and a Study Guide.

Challenge for credit

Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **challenge for credit** [↗](#) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for the PSYC 435 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **D (50 percent)** [↗](#) on the examination.

 [Challenge for credit course registration form](#)

Important links

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- › [Program planning](#) [↗](#)
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