



**COUN6301 Psychopathology: Diagnosis & Treatment**  
**New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary**  
**Division of Church and Community Ministries**  
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### **Mission Statement**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

### **Core Value Focus**

The seminary has five core values.

1. **Doctrinal Integrity:** Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. This course addresses Doctrinal Integrity specifically by preparing students to grow in understanding and interpreting of the Bible.
2. **Spiritual Vitality:** We are a worshipping community emphasizing both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary family for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word. Spiritual Vitality is addressed by reminding students that a dynamic relationship with God is vital for effective ministry.
3. **Mission Focus:** We are not here merely to get an education or to give one. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries. This course addresses Mission Focus by helping students understand the biblical foundations for fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments.
4. **Characteristic Excellence:** What we do, we do to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Characteristic Excellence is addressed by preparing students to excel in their ability to interpret Scripture, which is foundational to effective ministry.
5. **Servant Leadership:** We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us. Servant Leadership is modeled by classroom deportment.

The core value focus for this academic year is **Spiritual Vitality**.

### **Curriculum Competencies**

NOBTS faculty members realize that all ministers need to develop specific competencies if they are going to have an effective ministry. To increase the likelihood of NOBTS graduates having an effective ministry, the faculty developed a competency-based curriculum after identifying seven essential competencies necessary for effective ministry. All graduates are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in all of the following areas:

1. **Biblical Exposition:** to interpret and communicate the Bible accurately.
2. **Christian Theological Heritage:** To understand and interpret Christian theological heritage and Baptist polity for the church.
3. **Disciple Making:** To stimulate church health through mobilizing the church for missions, evangelism, discipleship, and church growth.
4. **Interpersonal Skills:** To perform pastoral care effectively, with skills in communication and conflict management.
5. **Servant Leadership:** To serve churches effectively through team ministry.

6. **Spiritual and Character Formation:** To provide moral leadership by modeling and mentoring Christian character and devotion.
7. **Worship Leadership:** To facilitate worship effectively.
- The curriculum competencies addressed in this course are interpersonal skills and servant leadership.

**Course Description**

This course is designed as a comprehensive overview of mental disorders and treatments. Students will acquire a working knowledge of the DSM-5 classification system, the diagnostic categories, and the primary treatment options for the major mental disorders. Diagnostic techniques, etiology and pathogenesis, epidemiology, clinical course, and psychopharmacology are also examined. (This course is a prerequisite for the clinical practicum and internship.)

**Syllabus Distribution**

This syllabus will be made available via blackboard one week prior to the first day of class. Due to regular semester updates, any version accessed prior to this date may contain inaccuracies.

**Program Objectives:** #2. Upon successful completion of one of the Master’s Programs in Counseling, graduates should be able to synthesize theoretical and empirical knowledge in the field of counseling, #4. Upon successful completion of one of the Master’s Programs in Counseling, graduates should be able to integrate historical Christian beliefs, faith, and spirituality with the best practices of mental health science, in an ethical manner.

**Course Objectives**

<b>Course Objectives</b>	<b>Learning Experiences</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
Students will examine the nomenclature, concepts, codes, and definitions intrinsic to the study of abnormal psychology. (2.F.1.a, 2.F.3.c, 2.F.3.e-g, 2.F.8.a)	<i>Instruction</i> Class lecture, video and discussion  <i>Readings</i> DSM-5 and Primary Text	<i>Course Assignments</i> Midterm Exam Final Exam
Students will acquire a working knowledge of the 16 major diagnostic classifications and one additional “Other Conditions. . .” section of the DSM-5.	<i>Instruction</i> Class lecture, video and discussion  <i>Readings</i> DSM-5 and Primary Text	<i>Course Assignments</i> Midterm Exam Final Exam
Students will learn the primary diagnostic criteria for the major mental disorders. (2.F.3.c)	<i>Instruction</i> Class Lecture, video and discussion  <i>Readings</i> DSM-5 and <i>Abnormal Psychology in a Changing World, 10/e</i>	<i>Course Assignments</i> Midterm Exam Final Exam
Students will acquire a general knowledge of the primary treatment options for the major mental disorders. (2.F.5.h,l)	<i>Instruction</i> Class lecture, video and discussion  <i>Practice</i> Lethality Assessment  <i>Readings</i> DSM-5 and Primary Text	<i>Course Assignments</i> Midterm Exam Final Exam
Students will appreciate how an understanding of abnormal psychology and modern-day psychiatry may complement the Christian counselor’s efforts to minister to individuals and families touched by mental illness.	<i>Instruction</i> Class lecture, video and discussion	<i>Course Assignments</i> Midterm Exam Final Exam

## Course Requirements and Evaluation of Grades

Assignment/Requirements & Description	Percentage	Due Date
<p><b>Reading Quizzes</b>            Students will be given 6 Reading Quizzes throughout the semester.  <i>All quizzes will be primarily multiple-choice. Although overlap will exist between lectures and reading, quizzes will primarily contain questions from the reading assignments. This is a fast-paced and academically demanding course. <b>Students are strongly encouraged to stay current with the reading assignments.</b></i></p>	35%	Every other Tuesday (see course schedule for specific dates)
<p><b>Mid-Term Examination</b>  <i>The mid-term and final exams will contain questions from both reading and lecture. Midterm and Final exam will include discussion / diagnosis, short answer, listing, multiple choice, and matching.</i></p>	30%	Anytime Oct 9-21
<p><b>Final Examination</b></p>	35%	Per Catalog Tuesday, Dec 10

### Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies:

Lecture: this course is content rich and provides the foundational knowledge for interfacing with the mental health treatment community.

Video: Real examples of individuals with diagnoses and symptoms presented in class help students understand what mental disorders “look like.”

Discussion: Students will participate in discussions designed to enrich understanding and conceptualization of difficult content.

### Textbooks

#### Required Textbooks

American Psychiatric Association. (2013) *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. 5th edition (DSM-5)*. Washington, K.D.: A.P.A. (ISBN: 978-0890425558)

Nevid, Jeffery S., Spencer A. Rathus & Beverly Greene. (2017) *Abnormal Psychology in a Changing World, 10/e*. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall. (ISBN: 978-0134484921)

Paris, Joel. (2013) *The Intelligent Clinician's Guide to the DSM-5*. Oxford University Press, USA. (ISBN: 978-0199738175)

#### Optional Text

Preston, John, Mary Talaga, and John O’Neal. (2017) *Handbook of Clinical Psychopharmacology for Therapists*, 8th edition. Oakland: New Harbinger Press, Inc. (ISBN: 978-1626259256)

### Evaluation of Grade

This course is graded according to seminary policy:

- A--93-100
- B--85-92\*
- C--77-84
- D--70-76
- F--Below 70

*\*Students are required to pass this course with a grade of B or higher in order to begin their clinical practicum.*

### **Technical Assistance**

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the [Selfserve.nobts.edu](http://Selfserve.nobts.edu) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. [BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System [NOBTS.Blackboard.com](http://NOBTS.Blackboard.com).
3. [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

### **Reading Assignments**

Students are responsible for completing all reading assignments.

### **Professor's Policy on Late Assignments**

All work is due on the assigned date in the syllabus. The grade for late assignments will automatically be reduced by 4 points plus 4 additional points for each subsequent 48 hours until turned in.

### **Professor's Availability and Assignment Feedback**

The student may contact the professor at any time using the email address provided in the course syllabus. The professor will make every effort to return answers to emailed questions within a 24-hour period of time. Assignments requiring grading will be returned to the student within a reasonable period of time. The student may also email the course grader with questions regarding grading.

### **Academic Honesty Policy**

All graduate and undergraduate NOBTS students, whether on-campus, internet, or extension center students, are expected to adhere to the highest Christian standard of honesty and integrity when completing academic assignments for all courses in every delivery system format. The Bible provides our standard for academic integrity and honesty. This standard applies whether a student is taking tests, quizzes, exams, writing papers, completing Discussion Boards, or any other course requirement.

### **Classroom Parameters**

Please arrive on time.  
Turn off cell phones. Utilize laptops and other technology for class purposes only.  
Respect the professor and other members of the class.  
Maintain confidentiality when someone shares personal information.  
Participate in class and group discussions.

### **Extra Credit**

The policy for extra credit in this course will be discussed in class when necessary.

### **Help for Writing Papers at "The Write Stuff"**

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

### **Plagiarism on Written Assignments**

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

### **Course Schedule**

The class meets 12:30-3:20 on Tuesdays.

### Weekly Agenda and Reading Schedule

\*indicates DSM-5 reading

+indicates *Abnormal Psychology in a Changing World, 10/e* reading

**Important Note:** Each reading assignment is to be completed prior to the Tuesday quizzes. Seven quizzes will be given on selected Tuesdays. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped before the student's final average is computed.

**Bring your DSM-5 to class each day.**

DATES	QUIZZES/EXAMS	ASSIGNMENTS/READINGS
Aug 20	Quiz Aug 27 on Ch. 1,2,3	*xiii through 25, 817-831
Aug 27		+Chapters 1, 2, 3 Introduction, Methods of Research Contemporary Perspectives and Treatment, Nature vs. Nurture DSM-5 Classification and Assessment (Individuals, Couples, and Families)
Sep 3	Quiz Sep 10 on Ch. 13	* pages 31-86, 733-748
Sep 10		+Chapter 13 Neurodevelopmental Disorders, Abnormal Behavior in Childhood, and Adolescence
Sep 17	Quiz Sep 24 on Ch. 11	*pages 87-122
Sep 24		+Chapter 11 Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders
Oct 1	Quiz Oct 8 on Ch. 7	*pages 123-188
Oct 8		+Chapter 7 Mood Disorders
<b>Mid-Term Exam</b>		Midterm may be taken on Blackboard on your own any time before Oct 22
<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>FALL BREAK</b>	<b>FALL BREAK--NO CLASS MEETING</b>
Oct 22	Quiz Oct 29 on Ch. 4 & 5	*pages 189-290
Oct 29		+Chapters 4 and 5 Anxiety Disorders, OCD, and related disorders Stress Related Disorders
Nov 5	Quiz Nov 12 on Ch. 6	*pages 291-328
Nov 12		+ Chapter 6 Dissociative Disorders, Somatic Symptom and Related disorders
Nov 19	Quiz Nov 26 on Ch. 12	*pages 461-480, 645-684, 761-782
Nov 26		+Chapter 12 Personality Disorders Impulse Control Disorders
Dec 3		Review for Final Exam
<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	<b>Final Exam</b> Dec 10, 12:00-2:00	Final Exam is in class, Dec 10, from 12:00-2:00

Although overlap will exist between lectures and reading, quizzes will primarily contain questions from the reading assignments. The mid-term and final exams will contain questions from both sources. All quizzes will be primarily multiple-choice. Midterm and Final exams will include discussion / diagnosis, short answer, listing, multiple choice, and matching. This is a fast-paced and academically demanding course.

**Students are strongly encouraged to stay current with the reading assignments.**

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