



**American University of Beirut
Department of Psychology**

SYLLABUS

Course: Psyc 215-Child Abnormal Psychology

Semester: Fall 2018

Class Location: Nicely 108

Class Time: Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 11:00-11:50 AM

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I-Course Description

This course introduces you to the major theories and treatment perspectives of abnormal behaviors in children and adolescents including autism and schizophrenia, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, conduct disorders, phobias, and depression. This 3-credit course is offered only to those who have taken Psychology 101/201.

II-Textbook (Available at the AUB Bookstore)

Mash, Eric J. & Wolfe, David A. (2016) *Abnormal Child Psychology*. 6th or 7th Edition.
Thomson Wadsworth, CA.

III-Learning Objectives

Upon the successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

- a. Distinguish between various children's disorders.
- b. Promote children's optimal development through the identification of childhood disorders' risk and protective factors.
- c. Describe the various theories pertaining to the assessment and treatment of children's disorders.
- d. Distinguish between research and clinical findings based on empirically-validated research and pseudo-research.

- e. Understand the research principles necessary to conduct scientific studies pertaining to child psychopathology.
- f. Elaborate the various principles necessary to conduct ethical research and clinical work.

IV. Course Schedule *(Tentative, may be subject to modifications)*

Week	Topic	Chapter
Week 1 F August 31	➤ Introduction to the course	
Week 2 M September 3 W September 5 F September 7	➤ Understanding abnormal child psychology ➤ Theories and causes	Chap 1 Chap 2
Week 3 M September 10 W September 12 F September 14	➤ Research	Chap 3
Week 4 M September 17 W September 19 F September 21	➤ Research ➤ Assessment, diagnosis and treatment	Chap 3 Chap 4
Week 5 M September 24 W September 26 F September 28	➤ Assessment, diagnosis and treatment ➤ Intellectual disability	Chap 4 Chap 5
Week 6 M October 1 W October 3 F October 5	➤ Intellectual disability ➤ Autism spectrum disorder and childhood-onset schizophrenia	Chap 5 Chap 6
Week 7 M October 8 W October 10 F October 12	➤ Autism spectrum disorder and childhood onset schizophrenia	Chap 6 Graded Case Study in Class Review
Week 8 M October 15	➤ Communication and learning disorders	Exam 1 (Chap 1-6) Chap 7

W October 17 F October 19		
Week 9 M October 22 W October 24 F October 26	➤ Attention-deficit/Hyperactivity disorder	Chap 8
Week 10 M October 29 W October 31 F November 2	➤ Conduct problems	Chap 9
Week 11 M November 5 W November 7 F November 9	➤ Depressive and bipolar disorders	Chap 10
Week 12 M November 12 W November 14 F November 16	➤ Anxiety and obsessive-compulsive disorders	Chap 11
Week 13 M November 19 W November 21 F November 23	➤ Trauma and stressor-related disorders	Chap 12
Week 14 M November 26 W November 28 F November 30	➤ Health-related and substance-use disorders	Chap 13 Chap 14
Week 15 M December 3 W December 5	➤ Eating disorders	Chap 14 Reviews
To be assigned	FINAL (Chap 7-14)	

V. Important Dates

1. Wednesday October 10-Graded case study in class (20%)
2. Monday October 15-Exam 1 (35%)
3. Final exam-TBA (45%)
4. Friday, November 23-Last day for withdrawal from courses

VI-Course Evaluations

You will have 2 exams to take. Those exams will not be cumulative. As for their format, they will consist of multiple-choice, and/or true-or-false questions. Exam 1 will count for 35% of your final grade, the final will count for 45%. You will also have a graded case study of a child presenting with a psychopathology (20%). You will need to identify the symptoms, the disorder as well as couple of other indicators.

VII-Course Policies

Class Attendance and Policy: Despite Lebanon's infamous traffic congestion, you are expected to arrive to class on time. Failure to do so may prevent you from entering the class as it may disrupt the rest of the students. Students who miss more than one-fifth of the sessions will be required to withdraw from the course with a grade of "W" for that course. Failure to show up to an exam will result in a grade of F except for medical reasons that are provided by the University Infirmary or the American University Hospital.

Phone Use: You are not allowed to use your mobile phones, Ipads or iPhones in class.

Academic Dishonesty: No form of cheating or plagiarism whatsoever will be tolerated and will result in failing the class. Please refer to AUB's student of conduct for more information.

<http://www.aub.edu.lb/pnp/generaluniversitypolicies/Documents/StudentCodeConduct/StudentCodeConduct.pdf>