

# **Abnormal Psychology 5445 Online**

**Instructor: Leo Kiralla, M.A., L.M.H.C.**

**Summer Quarter 2019**

E-mail: [leo.kiralla@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:leo.kiralla@bellevuecollege.edu)

Phone: ext 2718

Office location: D 200 B

Office Hours: by appointment, via email, or on campus in office

Class Times: Online

## **Course Information**

### **Course Outcomes**

Abnormal psychology is the study of specific conditions which cause distress or impairment for specific individuals. Psychopathology involves the scientific investigation into these conditions in order that we can understand, treat, and help individuals that deal with them. This course will survey the major concepts, theories, and research findings in abnormal psychological science. Through readings, lectures, discussion, film and in-class assignments, students will learn about the wide range of research issues addressed by psychologists and gain an appreciation of the importance of abnormal psychology. We will also do our best to maintain the dignity and respect of the individuals that we are studying and attempting to understand.

### **BC Course Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of Abnormal Psychology, students will be able to:

1. Describe the purpose, comprehensive scope, and areas of application in the field of psychology.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the scientific process by applying and/or critiquing various research methods used by psychologists in the study of behavior.
3. Recognize, compare, and contrast various theoretical perspectives used to explain and guide psychological research and application.
4. Identify historical and present-day contributions of major psychologists.
5. Define important psychological terms, concepts, processes, and principles.
6. Apply critical thinking to assumptions, claims, and common sense ideas about behavior.
7. Demonstrate the application of psychological principles and findings to one's own life.

### **BC General Education Outcomes**

Bellevue College is committed to providing students a comprehensive learning experience that addresses critical dimensions of student personal, professional, and intellectual growth. Bellevue College's General Education program is designed to address areas and specific requirements to ensure that students' learning experiences prepare them to build fulfilling and successful lives as individuals, workers, citizens, and life-long learners. As a reflection of our values of maintaining excellence and anticipating future needs in teaching and learning, Bellevue College has

identified three main overarching General Education areas: Creative & Critical Thinking; Communication; and Connections. This course satisfies the area of Creative & Critical Thinking in that General Psychology students must learn to apply critical thinking methods in assessing the validity of claims about human behavior.

### Grading

Letter grades are based on percentage of the total number of points earned. The following criteria will be used:

A	94 - 100%
A-	90 - 93%
B+	87 - 89%
B	83 - 86%
B-	80 - 82%
C+	77 - 79%
C	73 - 76%
C-	70 - 72%
D+	67 - 69%
D	63 - 66%
F	62% and below

### Exams and Quizzes

There will be two written exams throughout the quarter. In total, these will be worth 200 points, with the final being your second exam (it is not cumulative). Each will cover information from the text, assignments, and videos. They will essentially be case studies of hypothetical patients that you will offer a diagnosis for and consider what may be beneficial treatment.

Exams will be accepted late, but will be penalized points. If you know ahead of time that you will be unable to submit it on time, then let me know. Exams are free response and open text and note.

Quizzes are completed through REVEL (via your textbook) before Friday at 6pm. They can be challenging, but are intended to keep you accountable to the reading.

### Assignments

Throughout the quarter, you will complete written assignments that deal with critical thinking (CTA) and the multiple perspectives in the field of psychology (MPA). Many are videos that will ask you to respond to assigned questions or to reflect on the themes of the video. Directions and details will be posted on the class site on Canvas in the appropriate Module. These assignments will be submitted on Canvas. Late assignments will only be accepted within 24 hours of the due date and at penalty of 20% off the total points possible.

**Attendance**

It is an online course so it is very important that you work independently.

**Extra Credit**

There is one extra credit opportunity at the end of the course. It is worth 10 points.

**Books and Materials (Required)**

Nevid, Jefferey, *Abnormal Psychology in a Changing World*, Pearson 10th edition, 2018.

**Classroom Learning Atmosphere****▪ Instructor's Expectation**

Please approach this class with an open mind. My goals for you, beyond acquiring new knowledge, are development of (1) critical thinking skills (how to effectively evaluate new information), and (2) the ability to apply concepts in psychology to situations beyond the classroom.

This might be one of your first college classes. College works quite differently from high school. There is less structure, time, and guidance, and a lot more is expected from you. You are responsible for keeping yourself on schedule, knowing due dates, and planning ahead. Study concepts you do not understand, and ask for help right away if you need it. This class goes quickly, and you'll need to stay on top of the reading to do well. If you have questions about the class, read this syllabus first. Be an active participant in your own education. You will be expected to read the book before class, take notes, think about the stuff you read, and come prepared to discuss the ideas with your professor and peers. Challenge assumptions, and consider the implications and applications of course material. Thinking deeply about the course material not only will help you remember it better – it'll make it more useful for the future.

As adult students, you are expected to manage your own time and priorities. If you miss any class session/assignment, you are responsible for obtaining any lecture notes from fellow students, missed assignments from me, and for staying abreast of any class announcements or changes to the class schedule or policies. Emailing me as to why you have missed an assignment or are falling behind is appreciated. Note: when emailing me outside of Canvas, please include your full name and class section; in the email subject line, it is helpful to start with "STUDENT" so that it does not get lost in the melee of emails.

Class conduct expectations will be in compliance with policies described in the BC student handbook.

"Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one's own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Vice President of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue

College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Vice President of Student Services.”

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. All work that you submit in this course must be the product of your own efforts. In either case, zero points will be allotted. In addition, cell phone use in class is not allowed; cell phone ringers/modes are to be turned off prior to entering the classroom. Laptop/tablet use will not be allowed in class. For more information and to see the Student Code, Policy 2050, in its entirety, please visit:  
[http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/2/2050\\_Student\\_Code.asp](http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/2/2050_Student_Code.asp)

Course Evaluations are encouraged. You are encouraged to complete a course evaluation before the end of the quarter. The Bellevue College Online Evaluation web site is secure and submissions are completely anonymous. College instructors, program chairs and administrators are granted access to a class composite document on the web site only after all grades are posted to transcripts at the close of the current quarter. To participate in the evaluation process, use your Student ID and PIN to log in on the following site:

<https://bellevuecollege.edu/ClassEval/default.aspx>

On the BC Online Evaluation site, you will find a listing for each of your classes. Access to each course evaluation is granted only once, and after you press the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the page, you will see a screen telling you which class evaluations have been completed.

Participation is encouraged. You are encouraged to participate in discussions of the theoretical issues presented in class. Some theories may appear counter-intuitive and may provoke much reaction, sparking lively discussions. Within these discussions, it is important to remain respectful of your fellow students. Everyone has a point of view. While discussion is encouraged and will be solicited, side comments and off-topic talk will not be tolerated.

Study effectively by self-testing. Each section of the text begins with a study question. Read the material, trying to understand the underlying ideas. A few minutes later, go back to the page and see if you can answer the question. Test yourself again with the multiple-choice questions at the end of each chapter and on Canvas.

#### ▪ Affirmation of Inclusion

Bellevue College is committed to maintaining an environment in which every member of the campus community feels welcome to participate in the life of the college, free from harassment and discrimination.

We value our different backgrounds at Bellevue College, and students, faculty, staff members, and administrators are to treat one another with dignity and respect.

### **Religious Holidays**

Students who expect to miss classes, examinations, or any other assignments as a consequence of their religious observance should be provided with a reasonable alternative opportunity to complete such academic responsibilities. It is the obligation of students to provide faculty with reasonable notice of the dates of religious holidays on which they will be absent, preferably at the beginning of the term. Students who are absent on days of examinations or class assignments should be offered an opportunity to make up the work without penalty (if they have previously arranged to be absent), unless it can be demonstrated that a makeup opportunity would constitute

an unreasonable burden on a member of the faculty. Should disagreement arise over what constitutes an unreasonable burden or any element of this policy, parties involved should consult the department chair, or Dean.

### **College Anti-Discrimination Statement (Title IX)**

Bellevue College does not discriminate on the basis of race or ethnicity; color; creed; national origin; sex; marital status; sexual orientation; age; religion; genetic information; the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability; gender identity or veteran status in educational programs and activities which it operates.

For further information and contacts, please consult College Anti-Discrimination Statements.

#### ▪ Student Code of Conduct and Academic Integrity

Any act of academic dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism (using the ideas or words of another as one's own without crediting the source), and fabrication and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to, talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Dean of Student Success for investigation. Specific student rights, responsibilities, and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct at: Student Code

#### Important Links ▪ Bellevue College E-mail and access to MyBC

All students registered for classes at Bellevue College are entitled to a network and e-mail account. Your student network account can be used to access your student e-mail, log in to computers in labs and classrooms, connect to the BC wireless network and log in to MyBC. To create your account, go to: Create Email

BC offers a wide variety of computer and learning labs to enhance learning and student success. Find current campus locations for all student labs by visiting the Technology Help Desk

#### ▪ Disability Resource Center (DRC)

The Disability Resource Center serves students with a wide array of learning challenges and disabilities. If you are a student who has a disability or learning challenge for which you have documentation or have seen someone for treatment and if you feel you may need accommodations in order to be successful in college, please contact us as soon as possible.

If you are a person who requires assistance in case of an emergency situation, such as a fire, earthquake, etc, please meet with your individual instructors to develop a safety plan within the first week of the quarter.

If you are a student with a documented autism spectrum disorder, there is an additional access program available to you. Contact Autism Spectrum Navigators Email and phone number is on the web page. ASN is located in the Library Media Center in D125.

The DRC office is located in B132 or you can call our reception desk at 425.564.2498. Deaf students can reach us by Skype: the address is DRCatBC (NOTE: There is no @ sign...it is actually DRCatBC). Please visit our website at Disability Resource Center for application

information into our program and other helpful links.

## **Accessibility**

The online elements of this course are designed to be welcoming to, accessible to, and usable by everyone, including students who are English-language learners, have a variety of learning styles, have disabilities, or are new to online learning. Be sure to let me know immediately if you encounter a required element or resource in the course that is not accessible to you. Also, let me know of changes I can make to the course so that it is more welcoming to, accessible to, or usable by students who take this course in the future.

### **▪ Public Safety**

#### **Public Safety and Emergencies**

Public Safety is located in the K building and can be reached at 425-564-2400 (easy to remember because it's the only office on campus open 24 hours a day—2400). Among other things, Public Safety serves as our Parking Permits, Lost and Found, and Emergency Notification center. Please ensure you are signed up to receive alerts through our campus alerting system by registering at RAVE Alert Registration

If you work late and are uneasy about going to your car, Public Safety will escort you to your vehicle. To coordinate this, please phone ahead and let Public Safety know when and where you will need an escort.

Please familiarize yourself with the emergency postings by the door of every classroom and know where to go in the event of an evacuation. Your instructor will be asked if anyone might still be in the building, so check in before you do anything else. Emergency responders will search for anyone unaccounted for.

If a major emergency occurs, please follow these three rules:

- 1) Take directions from those in charge of the response -We all need to be working together.
- 2) Do not get in your car and leave campus (unless directed to) - Doing so will clog streets and prevent emergency vehicles from entering the scene. Instead, follow directions from those in charge.
- 3) In an emergency, call 911 first, then Public Safety.

Please do not hesitate to call Public Safety if you have safety questions or concerns at any time. You may also visit the Public Safety web page for answers to your questions.

