



**Psychology 346 - 001**  
**Abnormal Child Development**  
2020 Term 2

Monday and Wednesday 3:30pm to 5:00 PM, ART 103

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*Welcome to Abnormal Child Development!*

*I am looking forward to getting to know each of you while we explore typical and atypical development in childhood. My aim is to provide an engaging, respectful class environment where each student can practice critical thinking to further their understanding of the provided material.*

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**Office hours:** I am available to meet weekly in my office on Thursday from 12:30 – 1:30 for one-on-one learning opportunities. I am also happy to make appointments by e-mail to find a time to meet that works best with our schedules.

**Teaching Assistants:**

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**Academic Calendar Entry**

**PSYO 346 (3) Abnormal Child Psychology**

Introduction to the theories, causes, and treatments for major forms of abnormal psychological development in childhood and adolescence including behaviour disorders, emotional disorders, developmental and learning problems, and problems related to physical and mental health [3-0-0]

*Prerequisite:* Two of PSYO 219, PSYO 220, PSYO 230, PSYO 241, PSYO 252, PSYO 270, PSYO 271, PSYO 298, PSYO 299 or 6 credits of 200-level Psychology.

**Course Format**

The contents of the lectures will be determined by the course schedule (see below). PowerPoint slides will emphasize the key points of the chapters and will provide clarification and explanation of course concepts, including and beyond the textbook. Lecture slides will be posted on *Canvas*. Additional learning materials are available through the *MindTap* platform.

**Course Overview, Content, and Objectives**

In this course, we will take an in-depth approach to abnormal child development, also known as child psychopathology. The primary goal is to build off of your foundational knowledge in child development, and consider the causes, features, and subsequent impact, of psychological disorders in childhood. We will gain an understanding of abnormal child psychology considering psychosocial, cognitive, emotional, and behavioural components of physical and mental health (and disorder) in children.



## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- Identify and describe the main theories/causes of psychological disorder
- Describe and discriminate between neurodevelopmental disorders
- Appreciate contextual, social, and developmental risk in childhood disorders
- Integrate and critically consider symptomatology in child case studies
- Understand diagnostic criteria for behavioural, emotional, and physical/mental health disorders in children

## **Evaluation Criteria and Grading**

- 1) **Exam #1 (25% of grade).** The exam will cover Chapters 1, 2, 4-6 of the course, including all lecture and textbook material. The exam will be out of 100 marks in a multiple-choice and brief written format.
- 2) **Exam #2: (25% of grade).** The exam will cover Chapters 7-10 of the course, including all lecture and textbook material. The exam will be out of 100 marks in a multiple-choice and brief written format.
- 3) **Final Exam: (35% of grade).** The exam will be cumulative, with emphasis on Chapters 11-14, including all lecture and textbook material. The final exam will be written during the final exam period (date TBA). The exam will be out of 100 marks in a multiple-choice and short-answer format.
- 4) **In class brief assessments (10%).** Brief quizzes (5 items each) and in class assignments will be presented in class and used to test knowledge of that day's lecture material. Recognizing that you have many priorities throughout the semester that may result in missed classes or variable performance, the lowest two performances will be dropped. Participation in and accuracy of responses in these quizzes will contribute 10% of the course grade.
- 5) **MindTap participation (5%).** Performance accuracy and completion of assigned online modules chapter quizzes and mastery training will contribute to 5% of the course grade.
- 6) **SONA (2% Bonus).** See below for explanation of how to participate in SONA.

Final grades will be based on the evaluations listed above and the final grade will be assigned according to the standardized grading system outlined in the UBC Okanagan Calendar. The Barber School reserves the right to scale grades in order to maintain equity among sections and conformity to University, faculty, department, or the school norms. Students should therefore note that an unofficial grade given by an instructor might be changed by the faculty, department, or school

(<http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=3,41,90,1014>).

## **Required Materials**

The course text is available in the bookstore; packaged with *MindTap*, an online platform. This resource provides additional learning experiences, videos, and mastery training. In addition to providing access to the textbook content online in e-book format, the *MindTap* integrates helpful study tools for practicing and self-testing what it is discussed in class and in the textbook.

Mash, E. J., & Wolfe, D. A. (2018). *Abnormal child psychology* (7<sup>th</sup> edition). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth CENGAGE Learning.



### Steps for Access to MindTap:

1. Go to the PSYO 346 course registration website, [login.nelsonbrain.com/course/MTPP-P36N-0DQ2](http://login.nelsonbrain.com/course/MTPP-P36N-0DQ2)
2. Either register as a new user or sign in if you already have a NelsonBrain account.
3. Complete the Account Information form and agree to the license agreement.
4. Select “Create My Account”.
5. Enter purchase code (purchased online or from bookstore)

### **Missed Graded Work:**

Students who, because of unforeseen events, are absent during the term and are unable to complete tests or other graded work, should normally discuss with their instructors how they can make up for missed work, according to written guidelines given to them at the start of the course (see Grading Practices). Instructors are not required to make allowance for any missed test or incomplete work that is not satisfactorily accounted for. If ill health is an issue, students are encouraged to seek attention from a health professional. Campus Health and Counselling will normally provide documentation only to students who have been seen previously at these offices for treatment or counselling specific to conditions associated with their academic difficulties. Students who feel that requests for consideration have not been dealt with fairly by their instructors may take their concerns first to the Head of the discipline, and if not resolved, to the Office of the Dean. Further information can be found at: <http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=3,48,0,0>.

**IMPORTANT:** Students who miss an exam must provide written documentation (i.e., doctor’s note) of the absence to the instructor and must arrange to make up the exam before the next scheduled class. Students who do not write the exam by the next scheduled class will receive a “0” for the exam.

### **Final Examination:**

The examination period for Term 1 of Winter 2019 is December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup>. Except in the case of examination clashes and hardships (three or more formal examinations scheduled within a 24-hour period) or unforeseen events, students will be permitted to apply for out-of-time final examinations only if they are representing the University, the province, or the country in a competition or performance; serving in the Canadian military; observing a religious rite; working to support themselves or their family; or caring for a family member. Unforeseen events include (but may not be limited to) the following: ill health or other personal challenges that arise during a term and changes in the requirements of an ongoing job. Further information on Academic Concessions can be found under Policies and Regulations in the Okanagan Academic Calendar <http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=3,48,0,0> Out-of-time examination forms can be found at (<http://ikbsas.ok.ubc.ca/students/undergrad/forms.html>) and must be sent to the Dean’s office.

### **Academic Integrity:**

The academic enterprise is founded on *honesty, civility, and integrity*. As members of this enterprise, all students are expected to know, understand, and follow the codes of conduct regarding academic integrity. At the most basic level, this means submitting only original work done by you and acknowledging all sources of information or ideas and attributing them to others as required. This also means you should not cheat, copy, or mislead others about what is your work. Violations of academic integrity (i.e., misconduct) lead to the breakdown of the academic enterprise, and therefore serious consequences arise and harsh sanctions are imposed. For example, incidences of plagiarism or cheating may result in a mark of zero on the assignment or exam and more serious consequences may apply if the matter is referred to the President’s Advisory Committee on Student Discipline. Careful records are kept in order to monitor and prevent recurrences.

A more detailed description of academic integrity, including the University’s policies and procedures, may be found in the Academic Calendar at <http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=3,54,111,0>.



### **UBC Okanagan Disability Resource Centre:**

The Disability Resource Centre ensures educational equity for students with disabilities and chronic medical conditions. If you are disabled, have an injury or illness and require academic accommodations to meet the course objectives, please contact Earllene Roberts, the Diversity Advisor for the Disability Resource Centre located in the University Centre building (UNC 214).

UNC 214 250.807.9263

email [earllene.roberts@ubc.ca](mailto:earllene.roberts@ubc.ca)

Web: [www.students.ok.ubc.ca/drc](http://www.students.ok.ubc.ca/drc)

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### **RESEARCH ACTIVITY (2% BONUS)**

This course allows for 2% bonus to be added to your final grade. This requirement may be fulfilled either through direct participation in research through the SONA online volunteer subject pool (Option 1), by completing two written summaries of primary research articles (Option 2), or by a combination of the two types of activities.

#### **Research Participation (Option 1)**

As a participant in one of numerous Psychology Department Subject Pool experiments posted at <http://ubco.sonasystems.com/>, you will obtain 0.5% credit for each 0.5 hour of participation at UBCO. Hence, participation requiring a 1-hour time commitment provides a credit of 1%, 1.5 hours provides a credit of 1.5%, and 2 hours provides a credit of 2.0%, etc.

#### *Important Requirements*

You may participate in more than one experiment in order to accrue credits. A substantial number of studies are typically hosted on SONA; therefore, you will have many different choices. It is important to sign up for experiments early in the semester in order to increase the odds that a time slot is available. If you wait until late in the semester, all time slots may be taken.

#### *Logging On To The System*

SONA is only open for those students who are registered in a psychology course offering SONA credit. Please only use the request account option if you have never used the SONA system before. If you have used the SONA system before, please use the most recent login information you remember to log in.

#### *Missed Appointments & Penalties*

Missed appointments (i.e., failure to cancel the appointment at least 3 hours prior to the session) will be tracked. The consequence will be that you will not receive credit for participation in the experiment and will lose the credit value of the study from possible marks associated with participation in research.

Please email [psyc.ubco.research@ubc.ca](mailto:psyc.ubco.research@ubc.ca) with any questions or concerns that you may have regarding the SONA system, including unassigned bonus credits. Your professor does NOT have access to this information.

#### **Focus Group Participation (Option 2)**

Alternatively, you may earn up to 1.0 bonus points by participating in up to two small focus groups (8-12 students) discussing classroom strategies and student wellness throughout the semester. Each focus group will be worth 0.5 points. The first focus group will occur in approximately February, and the second will take place in late March.

If you are interested in this option, please email Jannik Eikenaar ([Jannik.Eikenaar@ubc.ca](mailto:Jannik.Eikenaar@ubc.ca)) as soon as possible. At the end of the semester, Jannik Eikenaar will provide me with a list of all PSYO 321 students who



participated in a group (and how many interviews they did). Please be aware that the focus groups are not part of the SONA system.

### **Research Summary Assignment (Option 3)**

As an alternative to participating in a Psychology Subject Pool experiment, you may obtain subject pool credit by completing 1 library-writing project to a satisfactory level. Each library-writing project is worth a total of two credits [i.e., 2% toward the final grade].

#### *Important Requirements*

1. This project consists of reading and summarizing (in written form) a recent, peer-reviewed, primary research article.
  - A “recent” article has been published within the past 12 months.
  - A “peer reviewed” article is one that has been reviewed by other scholars before it is accepted – for example, it **cannot** be a news item, an article from a popular magazine, a notice, or a letter to the editor.
  - A “primary” research article describes an experiment or study where data are collected by the authors. In other words, the article you choose to review **cannot** be a book review, literature review, or summary article.
2. You must choose an article published by one of the following agencies:
  - The American Psychological Society - *Psychological Science*, *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, *Psychological Science in the Public Interest*, or *Perspectives on Psychological Science*.
  - The American Psychological Association - [www.apa.org/journals/by\\_title.html](http://www.apa.org/journals/by_title.html) has a full listing.
  - The Canadian Psychological Association - *Canadian Psychology*, *Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science*, or *Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology*.
  - The Psychonomic Society - *Behavior Research Methods, Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience*, *Learning & Behavior*, *Memory & Cognition*, *Perception & Psychophysics*, or *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*

#### 3. Other Assignment Guidelines

The summary should be about 300-500 words in length. The source must be cited and referenced in accordance with the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). The review will be graded on a pass – fail basis (2% or 0%). **At least 14 days before** the end of classes each term, submit the following to the course instructor:

- the article summary
- a copy of the article
- a cover page that specifies your name, student number, email address, and word count of the summary.
- the course title and number

Submitting the assignment 14 days in advance is necessary to ensure that you have an opportunity to make corrections, if required.



**Course Schedule, Required Readings**

	<b>Topics and/or exam</b>	<b>Required Reading</b>
Mon. Jan 6	Course overview and introduction	Ch. 1
Wed. Jan 8	Introduction, Theory, Causes of Psychopathology	Ch. 1 & 2
Mon. Jan 13	Assessment, Diagnosis, Treatment	Ch. 2 & 4
Wed. Jan 15	Assessment, Diagnosis, Treatment	Ch. 4
Mon. Jan 20	Intellectual Disability	Ch. 5
Wed. Jan 22	Intellectual Disability/ Autism Spectrum Disorder	Ch. 5 & 6
Mon. Jan 27	Autism Spectrum Disorder	Ch. 6
Wed. Jan 29	<b>Exam 1 (Ch 1, 2, 4-6)</b>	
Mon. Feb 3	Guest Lecture – TBA (CLD)	
Wed. Feb 5	Communication and Language Disorders	Ch. 7
Mon. Feb 10	ADHD	Ch. 8
Wed. Feb 12	ADHD	Ch. 8
Mon. Feb 17	<b>READING BREAK - NO CLASSES</b>	
Wed. Feb 19		
Mon. Feb 24	Behavioural and Emotional Disorders;	Ch. 9
Wed. Feb 26	Mood Disorders	Ch. 10
Mon. Mar 2	Mood Disorders	Ch. 10
Wed. Mar 4	<b>Exam 2 (Ch 7-10)</b>	
Mon. Mar 9	Anxiety	Ch. 11
Wed. Mar 11	Anxiety	Ch. 11
Mon. Mar 16	Anxiety/ Obsessive- Compulsive Disorders	Ch. 11
Wed. Mar 18	Trauma and Stressor Related Disorder	Ch. 12
Mon. Mar 23	Attachment Disorders, Sleep	Ch. 13
Wed. Mar 25	Chronic Illness, Substance Use	Ch. 13
Mon. Mar 30	Special Topics – TBD	TBD
Wed. Apr 1	Eating Disorders – Guest Lecture	Ch. 14
Mon. Apr 6	Feeding and Eating Disorders	Ch. 14
Wed. Apr 8	Review and Conclusions	

**FINAL EXAM PERIOD: April 14 - 29, 2020**