



Abnormal Psychology 35 Course Outline

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Program/Course Rationale

This course is designed to provide an overview of abnormal behaviour and the conditions that affect individuals in our society. The sections in this course deal with views of abnormality, causal factors, and types of disorders, as well as assessment, prevention, and treatment. When you have completed the course, you should have a basic understanding of the major concepts in abnormal psychology and the complicated nature of psychological illness.

Please note that some of the content in this course is sensitive. Several mental illnesses result from abuse and trauma. Other mental illnesses result in behaviours that fall far outside the realm of what society considers acceptable. Information presented in this course is meant solely for educational purposes and is not intended to offend anyone.

Abnormal Psychology 35 Objectives

The course is comprised of four sections. Within each section, the work is grouped into activities such as readings, explanations, and questions.

Unit 1: Background and Overview
Unit 2: Causal Factors in Abnormal Behaviour
Unit 3: Mental Disorders
Unit 4: Childhood Disorders, Unique Disorders & Treatment

Abnormal Psychology 35 Evaluation

Marks are updated regularly in power school.

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| Assignments/Projects | 50% of the course work mark |
| Quizzes (open book assignments) | 30% of the course work mark |
| Open book Final Review Assignment | 20% of the course work mark |

Email subject

When you email the teacher, indicate the following in the subject line of your email.

Course name - (AbPsych).

Unit of study – (unit one, two, etc)

Copy the source, from the lesson, directly into the email, then ask your question. This will help me to better understand exactly what you are asking. Do not email your assignments to your teacher. They should all be submitted in moodle.

Marks in Power School

- **Miss** for missing assignments (the mark is calculated as 0 until the assignment is completed and marked.)
- **Ex** for excused assignments (doesn't affect the overall mark)
- Check your marks weekly at <https://ps.rockyview.ab.ca/public/home.html>

Due Dates

If you are a WE Connect student, talk to your WE Connect coordinator to determine when you need to have the course completed by. You should be working on this course daily. Due dates are listed on your course home page, in moodle, but the final due date to submit course work will be the last day of classes in the term in which you are taking the course. Please note that late submissions will receive a mark but no feedback.

Late Submissions

Work submitted more than one week past the due date will be graded without feedback, so if you want to receive helpful feedback, be sure to submit your work by the posted due date.

Dishonesty (cheating and/or plagiarizing):

Rocky View Schools highlights the importance of not plagiarizing others' work including assignments, tests, quizzes and exams. In the [Responsible Use of Technology Agreement Student](#) that every student signs at the beginning of the year it says, "6.14 Network users will not engage in plagiarism of information obtained via "rockynet" network."

Plagiarism is a serious offense; it will be brought to the attention of the Administration office at both your Home School and RVSO. Plagiarized work will result in a grade of "zero" for the assignment and may result in a grade of "zero" for the course, as well as academic suspension/expulsion.

It is my hope that you find this course educational and enjoyable! Have a great semester! ☺