Catalog Course Description: This course is a study of the nature and development of behavioral disorders, including the investigation of contemporary treatment procedures. In depth review of the etiology, diagnosis and treatment of psychological disorders; the psychological, biological and sociocultural perspective on these disorders; and the efficacy of various treatment approaches is included.

Prerequisite(s): PSY 201 with a “C” or better; ENG 100 or ESL 110

Credit Hours: 3.0

Departmental Website: https://mymtc1.midlandstech.edu/Academics/Departments/Social-and-Behavioral-Sciences/Pages/default.aspx

D2L Brightspace Login Page: https://elearn.midlandstech.edu

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Department Chair: Lloyd R. Pilkington, Ph.D. (pilkingtonl@midlandstech.edu)

Class Schedule[s]:

Office Hours:

Textbook(s): Abnormal Psychology by Ronald J. Comer (Worth, 10th edition) A LaunchPad access code is also required, and should be purchased with the textbook.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Explain why some behavior patterns are classified as “abnormal.”

2. Contrast contemporary theoretical perspectives on, and their approaches to the treatment of abnormal behavior.

3. Contrast the various research strategies for scientifically evaluating abnormal behavior.

4. Define the concept of diagnosis and discuss the merits and potential drawbacks of DSM-5.

5. Describe the clinical assessment strategies and their rationales.
6. Cite specific examples of Anxiety Disorders, Stress Disorders, Eating Disorders, Substance-Related Disorders and Dissociative Disorders, noting appropriate therapeutic interventions for each.

7. Identify the major symptoms of the various Mood Disorders and the Schizophrenias, noting appropriate therapeutic interventions for each.

8. Discuss the recent impact of therapeutic drugs on both our understanding and treatment of Anxiety Disorders, Mood Disorders, and the Schizophrenias.

9. Identify the general features of the three categories of Personality Disorders.

Program and course assessment activities are deployed and results collected in accordance with the College’s assessment schedule. Please refer to the information in the syllabus regarding the applicability of the assessment activity for the current semester.

Course Outcomes and Competencies:

Intended Course Outcome: Students will understand the diagnostic structure used to identify, understand and treat psychological disorders.
Course Competency: Students will demonstrate knowledge of and the ability to distinguish between the key diagnostic criteria for the psychological disorders listed in the DSM-5, including anxiety disorders, mood disorders, psychotic disorders, eating disorders, substance related disorders, dissociative disorders, somatoform disorders and personality disorders.
Performance Measurement Instrument: Students will complete a standardized assessment instrument requiring students to differentiate between key symptoms of a comprehensive sampling of psychological disorders from the DSM-5 disorder categories.

Course Attendance: In the event of circumstances beyond one's control, such as illness, the student is allowed to miss no more than twice the number of weekly class meetings in a 14 week class. Exceeding the maximum allowed absences in this course means that the student can receive NO CREDIT for the course, and the instructor will assign the student a grade of W or WF.

On Campus Course Attendance: Students are expected to attend all classes and are responsible for all class work, lectures, and assignments whether they are present or not.

All students are required to attend a minimum of 85% of their regularly scheduled classes. The maximum number of allowable absences for a class meeting two days per week over a 14-week semester is four (4). Absences are counted from the first day of class. All absences are counted. There are no excused absences without documentation requiring an accommodation from Disability Services. All students are expected to attend class on time and to remain present for the scheduled class time. Any student missing more than 10 minutes of a scheduled class will be considered absent for that class period.

Withdrawal: Should the maximum allowable absences be exceeded prior to midterm, a "W" will be submitted to the registrar to be recorded on the student's transcript. Should the maximum allowable absences be exceeded after midterm, a "W" will be submitted to the registrar if the student was passing the course at the time of withdrawal OR a "WF" will be submitted if the student was failing the course at the time of withdrawal.
No Shows: If you register for a course and decide not to attend for any reason, you must complete a drop form and process it through the student Records Office. You will not be automatically purged for non-attendance. If you do not submit a drop form, you will be responsible for course tuition and fees. By not officially dropping the course, you will incur a bill with the college that can only be addressed through the College’s Finance Office. The college’s refund policy and dates are posted each semester.

Effective Spring 2015, the Student Ombudsman’s office will no longer be the initial point of contact for requesting No Shows to be processed. Students who incur a bill must contact the Finance Office.

Administrative Drop Requests: A student requesting an Administrative Drop resulting from medical event, death of family member, and other extenuating circumstances experienced while enrolled at Midlands Technical College should be directed to the Student Ombudsman’s office. Our policy dictates a request must be made no later than 30 days after the affected term. Supporting documentation is required and must be received before the request can be processed. Once the request form is received along with supporting documentation, it takes approximately three weeks for processing. As a result of an approved Administrative Drop Request, the student may be granted a refund of tuition and fees.

Military Withdrawal: According to College Procedure 3.10.1, students having to withdraw from college because of Military Deployment (active duty personnel) while enrolled must complete a withdrawal form and submit to the Records Office along with a copy of military orders.

Disabilities Statement: At MTC, the Disability Services office operates within Counseling and Career Services. It is the student’s responsibility to self-disclose as a student with a disability and to request accommodations through Disability Services. If a student requests accommodations for a disability through a faculty or staff member, they will be referred to Disability Services to complete the request. To request accommodations, please contact Disability Services in Counseling and Career Services on Airport Campus (ASC 237, 803-822-3505) or Beltline Campus (BSC 239, 803-738-7636) or via email at disability@midlandstech.edu. A student can also visit our website at http://www.midlandstech.edu/student-resources/disability-services for more information. If a student has a concern regarding the accessibility of education or information technologies, please contact the Chief Compliance Officer, Ian MacLean, at 803-822-3204 or macleani@midlandstech.edu.

D2L Brightspace Help:

Online Learning Support Help Desk: Technical questions related to the operation and use of D2L Brightspace can be answered from our Support Help Desk. A response will be provided within one business day.
To login: use your MTC e-mail account username and password.
(Student Username Example: georgeasmith)
(Faculty Username Example: smithg)

D2L Brightspace Assistance: Technical questions related to the operation and use of D2L Brightspace can also be answered by leaving a voicemail at (803) 822-3561, or emailing D2LHelp@midlandstech.edu. A response will be provided within one business day.

MyMTC Help: For MyMTC log-in issues please call 803-738-7888.

Academic Dishonesty:
For more information about academic dishonesty, see the Academic Affairs Student Guidelines and Expectations attached.
If you are suspected of cheating, your instructor will inform you. You may explain or refute the allegation. If your instructor still thinks the charges are founded, you will be referred to the Office of the AVP, SDS. Documentation is submitted to the Office of the AVP, SDS, by the instructor. You will then meet with either Dr. Holloway, Mr. Hayden or Ms. Kaci Green. After the meeting, you will receive a letter with the sanction grade of zero (0) and/or any other sanctions deemed appropriate. You have the right to file an appeal. Once the hearing and the notice of the right to appeal have been completed, the instructor will be notified to apply the sanction grade of zero (0).

**Referral To Success/Retention Advocates:** Should the instructor determine that circumstances dictate, a student may be referred to a MTC Retention Advocate. MTC Retention Advocates meet with students to determine what resources are available which could promote student success. Referral to a Retention Advocate is not a punitive measure but is intended to help the student achieve their academic goals.

**Course Requirements:**

**Course Grading:**

**Grading Scale:**

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**Special Procedures:**

**Field Trips:**

**Classroom Rules/Other:**
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**PLEASE NOTE:** Should change become necessary, the instructor reserves the right to adjust the requirements, pace, or scheduling of this course. Any change will be announced in class before it becomes effective.
Academic Affairs Student Guidelines and Expectations

**MTC Student Handbook:**
Students are expected to read the *MTC Student Handbook* and abide by its policies. You can find the handbook on the MTC website under Student Resources; copies are also available at various locations on campus. Some of the more important handbook policies that impact your academic success are listed below.

**Academic Integrity:**
- The students of MTC have adopted the following Honor Code:
  
  *As a member of the Midlands Technical College community, I will adhere to the college’s Student Code. I will act honorably, responsibly, and with academic integrity and honesty. I will be responsible for my own academic work and will neither give nor receive unauthorized or unacknowledged aid. I will behave courteously to all members of the MTC community and its guests and will respect college property and the property of others.*

- The Student Code (Appendix I of the *MTC Student Handbook*) defines academic dishonesty, which includes, but is not limited to, cheating on tests, plagiarism, collusion, and falsification. Such actions will result in discipline.

- Cheating on tests includes:
  - Copying from another student’s paper.
  - Copying or presenting someone else’s work as your own.
  - Using unauthorized materials during a test.
  - Collaborating with any other person during a test without permission.
  - Knowingly obtaining, using, buying, or selling in whole or part the contents of any test.
  - Bribing any other person to obtain information about tests.
  - Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for you.

- Plagiarism is taking another person’s work and using it without giving the source credit in any graded assignment.

- The use of cell phones or other portable electronic devices for purposes of academic dishonesty in any form is strictly prohibited; students who violate this policy will be subject to the disciplinary procedures and sanctions outlined in the Student Code.

- For more information about academic dishonesty, see the Student Code.

**Class Attendance and Participation:**
Students are responsible for meeting all attendance and participation requirements outlined in each course syllabus.

**Portable Electronic Devices:**
Cell phones and other portable electronic devices may be used in classrooms only for maintaining access to MTC Alerts!, the college’s emergency notification system. Other uses of portable electronic devices not approved by an instructor in a specific course (for example, leaving class to make or receive phone calls, sending or reading text messages, accessing the internet, taking pictures or videos, listening to music, etc.) will be considered disruptive activities, and the student will be subject to disciplinary action.

**Student Email Accounts (MyMTC Email):**
- All MTC students are assigned a college email account called MyMTC Email. For access, log into MyMTC at http://mymtc.midlandstech.edu.
- MyMTC Email is the primary way the college communicates with students. You are responsible for checking your college email regularly for important information and announcements about registration, financial aid, cancelled classes, emergencies, etc.
- Students can use their college email accounts to communicate with faculty, staff, fellow students, and others, as well as to maintain personal calendars and task lists.
- In addition to using MyMTC Email, students may also be required to communicate with instructors through D2L Brightspace (the college-wide learning management system), or through course-specific software, such as MyMathLab.
MyMTC:
The college conducts business with students through MyMTC, which provides many services and resources, including access to transcripts, grades, and program evaluations; information about financial aid status; and how to search and register for courses. To access MyMTC, click the link titled MyMTC in the top navigation bar on the public website.

Children on Campus:
Children are generally not permitted on campus except for special events. Children are not permitted in classes, labs, or advisors’ offices. Children can never be left unattended on campus, including in the library, the Academic Success Center, or parking lots.

Inclement Weather Policy:
- If weather conditions or other emergencies cause the college to close or open late, announcements will be made over local radio and TV stations, on the MTC website, and on the college’s information line (803-738-8324).
- Notices will be sent to students via MyMTC Email and MTC Alerts! when applicable.
- Check for separate announcements for day and evening classes because weather conditions can change.
- Inclement weather schedules: In standard non-lab and non-clinical classes, if the college closing or reopening means that there are at least 30 minutes of a class remaining, plan to attend that class. For example, if the college opens at 10 a.m., classes that normally meet at 8 a.m. will not meet, but classes that normally begin at 9:35 a.m. will begin at 10 a.m. Similarly, if the college closes at 8 p.m., 6 p.m. classes will meet for their regular time, but 7:35 p.m. classes will not meet.
- Check your syllabus for specific information about the inclement weather policy for that course.

Campus Emergency Protocol:
- To report safety concerns or suspicious activities, call Campus Security at 738-7850 (cell phone or off campus) or 7850 (from a campus phone).
- To report a security or medical emergency, call Campus Security at 738-7199 or dial local 911 immediately.
- The college also provides emergency call boxes; look for these red call boxes in or near parking lots on all campuses.
- If a college-wide emergency occurs, the college will communicate additional information and instructions in a number of ways, including the MTC Information Centers, campus loud speakers, MyMTC Email, the MTC website, and MTC Alerts!. To sign up for MTC Alerts! and receive emergency notifications on your cell phone, go to MyMTC.

Student Evaluation of Instruction:
Toward the end of the semester, students will be encouraged to participate in evaluating their courses. You can complete this confidential evaluation through MyMTC using your username and password. Announcements will be made during the term concerning how and when to complete the online evaluation.

Students Requiring Special Accommodations:
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Title IX:
Midlands Technical College does not discriminate against any student on the basis of pregnancy or related conditions. Students seeking accommodations for pregnancy are encouraged to contact the college’s Title IX Coordinator, Ian A. MacLean, PO Box 2408, Columbia SC 29202, or at 803-822-3204, or macleani@midlandstech.edu.

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