# Chaminade University of Honolulu PSY 42450 Abnormal Psychology (3) Wednesday, Barbers Point Instructor: William F. Whisenant, Ph.D. Home phone: 262-7740. E-mail whiz@lava.net

The course will meet 10 consecutive Wednesday evenings from October 7, 1998 through December 16, 1998, excluding November 11 for Veterans Day. Class time from 5:30 p.m. to 9:40 p.m..

Text: Abnormal Psychology and Modern Life (10th Ed.) by Robert C. Carson, James N. Butcher, and Susan Mineka New York: Addison Wesley Longman, Inc. © 1998

\*\*\* Begin reading the text immediately! \*\*\*

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior. Abnormal psychology is the field of psychology concerned with the study, assessment, treatment, and prevention of abnormal behavior. Abnormal behavior refers to maladaptive behavior detrimental to an individual and/or a group.

# **Student Responsibilities:**

Attendance and Discussion: Students are expected to attend all classes in order to contribute to class discussions. Discussions are an opportunity for the students to ask questions and contribute any unique knowledge or viewpoints they might have. Alternate views and findings in the general psychology and abnormal psychology will be presented that are not in the text. Missing classes can seriously impair examination performance. During the first class meeting the class as a group will decide whether it wishes to have attendance contribute directly toward the grade. If it does not, the grade will be derived entirely from the scores on the four tests. If the class elects to have attendance contribute to the students' grades, the following method will be used: The student will receive 1 point for each hour of class attendance (4 points per class period) totaling 40 points. The student must be present at the beginning of class at 5:30 p.m. to receive credit for the first hour. If a student misses class for any reason, those lost attendance points can be made up through writing summaries of the text material at the rate of one point per page. No other activities will contribute to the grade and the grade boundaries are immutable.

**Examinations:** There will be four examinations worth 40 points each (40 multi choice questions) that will total 160 points. These will be given on the 3rd, 6th, 8th, and 10th class periods. The dates for these are October 21, November 18, December 2, and December 16. There will be no makeups for missed examinations without a legitimate excuse (to be determined by the instructor).

No Term Paper: Because of the length of the textbook and the amount of material to be covered, there will be no term paper required for the course.

## Grading philosophy of the instructor:

An "A" is a special grade. It represents excellence. It is given to special people. It is given to people who are talented, meaning they are intellectually bright enough to grasp the material and creatively innovative enough to overcome challenges that hinder successful completion of the course. The "A" student is motivated enough to complete all the requisites. The "A" student has adequate personal and life circumstances to support pursuit and completion of the work. The "A" student does not get sick at inopportune times and is unencumbered by obligations that would detract from participation in the course.

The grades of "B", "C", or "D" would indicate some portion of the above traits in decreasing order of magnitude.

In summation, if you have tragic circumstances that prevent you from performing well in the course, you have my sympathy but you do not have the grade. I sincerely wish you the best on an unbiased but level playing field.

## Grading with Attendance:

#### Points:

4 Examinations:

160 (40 points each)

Attendance & Discussion:

40 (4 points per class period, i.e. 1 point per hour)

Total:

200 points maximum

#### Letter Grade:

A = 180

B = 160

C = 140

D = 120

F = below 120

# Grading with Test Scores Only:

#### Points:

4 Examinations:

160 (40 points each)

Total:

160 points maximum

## Letter Grade:

A = 144

B = 128

C = 112

D = 96

F = below 96

# CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU

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TEMPORARY PART-TIME FACULTY APPOINTMENT AGREEMENT

This agreement is made and entered into by and between CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU, hereinafter referred to as the "University", and WILLIAM F. WHISENANT, hereinafter referred to as the "Appointee".

Address: 910 KAHILI ST, KAILUA, HI 96734-4045.

Social Security No.: 444-50-1161

Budget Approval:

Date Processed:

Amt:

Dept: EVENING PROGRAMS

G/L#: 1015-0506-06

1,845.00

- The University hereby employs the Appointee to the temporary position of LECTURER III for the FALL EVENING 1998 SESSION on 10/05/98 and ending on 12/17/98.
- 2. The University agrees to pay the Appointee the sum of \$1,845.00 payable in EQUAL installments beginning on 10/30/98 and terminating on 12/30/98 contingent to an enrollment of at least 12 students per class. On mutual agreement between the University and the Appointee, a salary adjustment may be made when the minimum enrollment is not met. This contract may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.
- 3. The Appointee will teach the following course(s) meeting at scheduled times:

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- 4. The University reserves the right to withhold final payment until the receipt of final grades.
- 5. The Appointee will work under the direct supervision of the DEAN OF FACULTY & ACADEMIC SUPPOR and under the general supervision of the President.
- 6. In the case where the appointment herein made is to be funded by a federal or state grant, or other extra-university source, it is hereby agreed that if for any reason the funds in question are not forthcoming, the present agreement is hereby voided and the University is not obliged to honor it.
- 7. In case the Appointee is a foreign national, this agreement is made subject to all regulations of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and is effective only if visa and passport status for the terms of employment mentioned are satisfactory.

THIS APPOINTMENT IS VALID ONLY ON ACCEPTANCE WITHIN 20 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT.

STONATURE OF PARCHETING OFFICER

SIGNATURE OF APPOINTEE

CONTRACT NO.: P-10340