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Chaminade University of Honolulu
PSY 42410 Abnormal Psychology (3)
Monday Schofield BKS
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The course will meet 10 consecutive Monday evenings from July 6, 1998 through September 14, 1998. 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 psychology of personality theory 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 student's grade, 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.

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 July 20, August 10, August 24, and September 14. 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)
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Total: 160 points maximum

Letter Grade:

A = 144
B = 128
C = 112
D = 96
F = below 96