

**Hagerstown Community College**  
**OFFICIAL COURSE SYLLABUS DOCUMENT**

**COURSE:** PSY 206: Abnormal Psychology

3 credits

**INSTRUCTOR:** Melinda Howell, Erick Williams

**SEMESTER/YEAR:** Spring 2018

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course focuses on identifying, understanding, and effecting desirable changes in abnormal patterns of personality and behavior. Prerequisite: PSY 101  
Three hours each week.

**TEXTBOOK:** Beidel, D.C., Bulik, C.M. and Stanley, M. A. (2010). Abnormal Psychology 3rd ed., Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Describe an integrative overview of the field of abnormal psychology and the major psychological problems and disorders.
2. Use the current classification of abnormal behavior in the DSM V.
3. Demonstrate the case study method of research in abnormal behavior by writing and role playing a case presentation or analyzing a video clip.
4. Demonstrate the skills associated with an “educated person” which includes-CRITICAL reading, writing, speaking, thinking, and problem solving, by completing a number of learning laboratories.
5. Be familiar with the multiple causes of psychopathology as viewed from a number of different theoretical perspectives.

**Total Hours of Coursework:**

To earn one academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute “academic” hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit.

For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

37.5 hours	Class lecture and discussion
32 hours	Reading textbook in preparation for class
30 hours	Studying for exams
<u>13 hours</u>	Assignments
112.5 hours	

**SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at [dss@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:dss@hagerstowncc.edu) or at 240-500-2530.