UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

General Psychopathology

2021-3-E2401P103

Learning area

Knowledge and skills useful to understand, promote and change individual psychological functioning

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

- Theories and methods in psychopathology;
- Normality and abnormality in psychological functioning;
- Clinical diagnosis and the main contemporary nosographic systems;
- Main etiological theories of psychopathology and the bio-psycho-social model;
- Therapeutical interventions in psychopathology.

Applying knowledge and understanding

- Recognize the main features of pathological functioning in cognitions, emotions and behaviour;
- Collect a full clinical history;
- Formulate diagnostic hypotheses based on a case study.

Contents

The course aims at introducing students to essential elements in general psychopathology with special emphasis on descriptive psychopathology.

In the first part of the course the principal theoretical models in psychopathology theoretical models in psychopathology will be discussed focusing in particular on current descriptive approaches.

Detailed program

• Normality and pathology;

• Abnormal psychology;

• Nosographic classification;

• Psychopathology of thought, perception, language, emotions and behavior;

• Main psychopathological domains: mood disorders, psychotic disorders, anxiety disorders, eating disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders, event-related disorders, somatoform disorders, substance use disorders, sexual dysfunctions, paraphilias, gender dysphoria;

• Assessment of psychopatology;

• SCID-5-CV clinical interview for the assessment of DSM-5 diagnoses

Prerequisites

None

Teaching methods

Lectures, video presentations, role-playing, optional exercises.

Lessons will be held in presence or through online video lessons, according to the University's regulations regarding the COVID-19 emergency situation. In both cases, all lessons will be video recorded and made available to the students.

Assessment methods

The final assessment will be carried out through a written and oral examination aimed at verifying the specific knowledge of the main theoretical aspects of the course. The written test will be composed of 30 multiple-choice

questions. The oral examination will test the student’s mastery of the technical language.

For attending students there will be mid-term tests (two written tests, one at half semester, the second at the end).

During the Covid-19 emergency, exams will be conducted according to the University’s regulations regarding the COVID-19 emergency situation.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Hooley JM, Butcher JN, Nock MK, Mineka S, *Psicopatologia e psicologia clinica*. Pearson, Milano 2017.