

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### General Psychopathology

2122-3-E2401P103

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#### 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 psychopathology;
- 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, unless further COVID-19 related restrictions are imposed.

## **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.

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

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

Although this course is held in Italian, for Erasmus students, course material can also be available in English, and students can take the exam in English if they wish to do so

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