

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: 10/17/2023

From: Ana I. Schwartz, Department of Psychology

Through: Wendy Francis, Department of Psychology 

Through: Anadeli Bencomo, Dean, College of Liberal Arts

To: Selfa A. Chew-Meléndez Chair, Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee

Proposal Title: Removing stigmatizing language from Psychology course

Replace stigmatizing language and bring our curriculum in line with current terminology in the field. Change PSYC 2312 Intro to Abnormal Psychology and PSYC 4312 Advanced Abnormal Psychology to “Intro to Psychopathology” and “Advanced Psychopathology” respectively and adjust their respective course descriptions to remove the term “abnormal” which is a stigmatizing term for mental illness

COURSE CHANGE FORM

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All fields below are required

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Fall 2024

Department : Psychology

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Subject Prefix and number PSYC 2312

Course Title Introduction to Abnormal Psychology
(Course descriptions are limited to 600 characters)
(Course titles are limited to 29 characters)

| Change | From | To |
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| description | Introduction to Abnormal Psychology (3-0) A review of historical approaches to the problems of abnormal behavior. Topics will include the dynamics of abnormal behavior, its classification, symptomatology, and treatment. Prerequisite: PSYC 1301. | Introduction to Abnormal Psychology (3-0) A review of historical approaches to the problems of pathological behavior. Topics will include the dynamics of pathological behavior, its classification, symptomatology, and treatment. Prerequisite: PSYC 1301. |
| Title | Introduction to Abnormal Psychology | Introduction to Psychopathology |
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Subject Prefix and number PSYC 2312

Course Title Advanced Abnormal Psychology
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| Change | From | To |
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| description | Advanced Abnormal Psychology (3-0) An examination of advanced topics in abnormal psychology. Emphasis will be placed on current research on the causes, assessment, and treatment of serious mental disorders.. | Advanced Psychopathology (3-0) An examination of advanced topics in Psychopathology Emphasis will be placed on current research on the causes, assessment, and treatment of serious mental disorders. |
| Title | Advanced Abnormal Psychology | Advanced Psychopathology |
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CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

APPROVAL PAGE

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DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Wendy Francis

I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.

10/17/2023

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR - Selfa A. Chew-Meléndez

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN – Anadeli Bencomo

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

Signature

Date