

## ISN503 Psychopathology and Pharmacology

### Unit Description

**Psychopathology and Pharmacology** familiarises students with the diagnosis and classification systems for psychological disorders (DSM-V & ICD-11) in adults and young people. Students will learn the principles and practices involved in psycho-pharmacological treatments, their indications, contraindications, and adverse effects.

### Required Textbooks and Readings

American Psychiatric Association (2013). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (5th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Ingersoll, E. & Rak, C. (2016). *Psychopharmacology for mental health professionals: An integrative approach* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.). Melbourne, Australia: Cengage.

Barlow, D.H., & Durand, V.M. (2015). *Abnormal psychology: An integrative approach* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.) Stamford, CA: Cengage.

### Administrative Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level	Unit Coordinator	Other Teaching Staff
Master of Psychology (Clinical)	One semester	Core	Fifth year, Semester 1	Dr Rosalind Case	TBA

### **Learning Outcomes and Assessments**

Learning outcomes for Unit	Assessment tasks		
	Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
To be familiar with the diagnosis and classification systems for psychological disorders (DSM-V & ICD-11) in adults and young people	Exam [30 item multiple choice test plus two short answers]	Year 1, semester 1, week 10	50%
To gain knowledge of the basic principles and practices involved in psycho-pharmacological treatments, their indications, contraindications, and adverse effects	Exam – see above		
To be familiar with the diagnosis and classification systems for psychological disorders (DSM-V & ICD-11) in adults and young people	Weekly online activity and quiz	Year 1, semester 1, various weeks	30%
To gain knowledge of the basic principles and practices involved in psycho-pharmacological treatments, their indications, contraindications, and adverse effects	In class presentation	Year 1, semester 1, various weeks	20%

### **Delivery mode**

Face to face on site with E-learning (online) components;

Full-time or Part-time study



### **Pre-requisites and co-requisites**

Successful completion of a four-year, APAC accredited, sequence of study in psychology with a H2A average or higher and passing selection interviews and psychometric testing.

### **Other Resources and Requirements**

None

### **Unit weighting as a percentage of the year**

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
10	200

### **Student workload**

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
1 x 2 hour lecture	6	8

*\*Unit outlines may be subject to change.*