

ISN503 Adult Psychopathology

Unit Description

Adult Psychopathology familiarises students with the diagnosis and classification systems for psychological disorders in adults. Students will learn the diagnostic criteria, characteristics and epidemiology of psychological disorders.

Textbooks

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

Craighead, W. E., Miklowitz, D. J., & Craighead, L. W. (Eds.). (2017). *Psychopathology: History, diagnosis, and empirical foundations* (3rd ed.). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.

Administrative Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level	Unit Coordinator	Other Teaching Staff
Master of Psychology (Clinical)	One semester	Core	Year 1, Semester 1	A/Prof Phil Kavanagh	TBA

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
1x 3 hr lecture	6	9

Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Learning outcomes for Unit
I. To be familiar with the diagnosis and classification systems for psychological disorders in adults
II. To gain knowledge diagnostic criteria, characteristics and epidemiology of psychological disorders.

Overview of Assessment Tasks

Assessment tasks		
Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
6x bi-weekly online activities/quizzes (worth 5% each)	Year 1, Semester 1, Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, & 12	30%
In-class presentation	Year 1, Semester 1, various weeks	20%
Exam (five of nine short essay responses)	Exam Period	50%

Delivery mode

Face to face on site; 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 Resource and Requirements

None.

**Unit outlines may be subject to change. The most up-to-date outlines will be provided to students once the semester commences*