

Grande Prairie Regional College
Department of Art & Education
Psychology 3500

Course: PY 3500 3 (3-0-0) 45 Hours
Course Title: Psychological Disorders of Childhood and Adolescence
Prerequisites: PY1040 & PY1050
Course Credit Hours: 3
Student Contact: 3 hours per week

Course Modeled After:

This course is modeled after the University of Victoria PSYC 436 (Psych Disorders of Childhood and Adolescence) which requires the prerequisites of Psych 100A&B and a 3rd year developmental course since it is a 4th year course, and the University of British Columbia PSYC 300 (Behavioural Disorders) which requires PSYC 100 as a prerequisite.

Calendar Description

This course examines the developmental, cognitive, biological, and behavioural processes involved in the development of various psychological disorders of children and adolescents with emphasis on causality, assessment, and treatment.

Credit Requested

3-credit at third year level (3XXX) from the U of A, AU, U of C, and U of L

Instructor Qualifications

M.A. in Psychology

Textbook:

- Dumas, J. E., & Nilsen, W. J. (2003). Abnormal Child and Adolescent Psychology. Pearson: Allyn and Bacon, Boston, MA, USA.

Course Description

This course is designed for those who are majoring in Psychology, Education, and Social Work, as well as those who are planning to work with children and adolescents in a health care capacity. Psychological disorders of children and adolescents include learning, developmental, behavioural, emotional, and eating disorders. Specific disorders under each of the above broad categories will be discussed with a focus on etiology, research, assessment, and treatment.

Evaluation

Short presentation	10%
Research paper	30%
3 Exams	60%

Course Content

Week

Topic

1	Introduction to Child and Adol. Abnormalities Definitions Significance Historical and Recent Advances Classification and Diagnosis
2	Theoretical Perspectives & Research Methods Biological Psychological Research Findings Cultural and Ethical Issues
3	Intellectual Disorders (Mental Retardation) Etiology and Epidemiology Diagnosis and Interventions
4	Developmental Disorders Autism and Asperger's Other Pervasive Disorders Etiology and Epidemiology Diagnosis and Interventions
5 & 6	Learning Disorders (Reading, Writing, Math) Etiology and Epidemiology Diagnosis and Interventions

7 & 8	Behavioural Disorders (ADHD, ODD & Conduct) Etiology and Epidemiology Diagnosis and Interventions
9	Eating Disorders (Anorexia, Bulimia, Obesity) Etiology and Epidemiology Diagnosis and Interventions
10	Mood Disorders (Dysthymia, Depression, Bipolar) Etiology and Epidemiology Diagnosis and Interventions
11 & 12	Anxiety Disorders (Phobia, Panic, PTSD, Child Abuse) Etiology and Epidemiology Diagnosis and Interventions
13	Child-Onset Schizophrenia Etiology and Epidemiology Diagnosis and Interventions