

## LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BRIEF SYLLABUS

### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

This brief syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. A full syllabus will be distributed to students at the first class session.

### **TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS USED IN THE COURSE (if any):**

Please check with the LCC bookstore, <http://www.labette.edu/bookstore>, for the required texts for this class.

<b><u>COURSE NUMBER:</u></b>	PSYC 203
<b><u>COURSE TITLE:</u></b>	Abnormal Psychology
<b><u>SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS:</u></b>	3 credit hours
<b><u>DEPARTMENT:</u></b>	Psychology
<b><u>DIVISION:</u></b>	General Education
<b><u>PREREQUISITES:</u></b>	PSYC 101
<b><u>REVISION DATE:</u></b>	1/9/18

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will enable the student to explore the characteristics, causes, theories, and treatments of the major categories of psychological disorders based upon the classifications of the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM). The student will examine the legal and ethical issues in psychological treatment including clients' rights, diagnosis, competence, and the provision of services.

### **COURSE OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES:**

**Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:**

1. Differentiate between normal, unusual, and abnormal behaviors.
  - Enhance computer and internet research skills.
2. Identify characteristics and causes of psychological disorders.
  - Think analytically about the causes and treatments of psychological disorders.
3. Recognize theories and treatments of psychological disorders.
  - Compare and contrasting criteria for different classifications of psychological disorders.
4. Summarize legal and ethical issues in psychological treatment including clients' rights, diagnosis, competence, and the provision of services.
  - Discern the continuum of normal to abnormal behavior.