

MODULE CODE:	SSAP6001	
TITLE:	Psychopathology	
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LEVEL:	6	
CREDITS:	20	
TEACHING METHODS:	Lectures	25%
	Seminars	10%
	Directed Learning	65%
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AIM(S)

- To enable students to recognise the complex array of social, psychological and biological factors which contribute to mental ill-health.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this module students should be able to:

- critically explore the concepts and classification of psychological disorders;
- demonstrate a critical understanding of a range of psychological disorders and the impact of these on the individual and others;
- critically assess the effectiveness of pharmacological and therapeutic treatments for a range of psychological disorders;
- critically appraise the biological and environmental factors that contribute to mental ill health;
- organise their knowledge and learning through the use of a range of information resources and present their work appropriately.

CONTENT

- An examination of the meaning of 'abnormality', past and current trends.
- Exploration of a range of psychological disorders (i.e., depression, anxiety, sexual identity problems, psychosis and eating disorders).
- Exploration of theory and research underpinning explorations of psychological disorders.
- Exploration of the psychological perspectives that underpin our understanding of mental ill health.
- Examination of the effectiveness of pharmacological and therapeutic treatments for a range of diagnosed mental health problems.

ASSESSMENT

Course work	40%
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Promotional campaign poster (10 minutes)

Examination**60%**

One paper (2½ hours)

Exemplar written exam: Critically discuss two theoretical approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of Schizophrenia.