

Psychopathology Throughout the Life Cycle

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Prerequisites

None.

Objectives and Contextualisation

Context

Psychopathology implies a deviation from human normal functions, which only can be understood in a developmental context, understanding that social environment and culture are key factors. Competences in psychopathology during development are basic for the practice of psychology in all disciplines, given that the limits between normality and abnormality are inherent in human nature and can be addressed in all contexts. This subject is a presentation of the most representative disorders in mental illness during the life cycle.

Aims

Principal: to understand the most representative disorders in psychopathology during the life cycle, along with their main characteristics.

Specific: When the students complete the subject, they should be able...

1. ...to identify the most important forms of behavioral abnormality
2. ...to recognize the main risk factors for psychopathology as well as person-environment interaction in the etiology of psychopathology

Competences

- Analyse the demands and needs of people, groups and organisations in different contexts.
- Apply knowledge, skills and acquired values critically, reflexively and creatively.
- Criticise the effects of personal practice on people, taking into account the complexity of human diversity.
- Formulate hypotheses about the demands and needs of the recipients.
- Maintain a favourable attitude towards the permanent updating through critical evaluation of scientific documentation, taking into account its origin, situating it in an epistemological framework and identifying and contrasting its contributions in relation to the available disciplinary knowledge.
- Recognise the deontological code and act ethically.
- Recognise the determinants and risk factors for health and also the interaction between people and their physical and social environment.
- Recognise the diversity of human behaviour and the nature of differences in it in terms of normality abnormality and pathology.

Learning Outcomes

1. Apply knowledge, skills and acquired values critically, reflexively and creatively.
2. Classify psychological disorders.
3. Criticise the effects of personal practice on people, taking into account the complexity of human diversity.
4. Distinguish between the different signs and clinical symptoms of different psychopathological disorders.
5. Formulate problems of people in diagnostic terms.
6. Identify factors of risk for mental health.
7. Identify functional variables of acquisition and maintenance of problems in examples of clinical cases.
8. Identify normal and abnormal development and behaviour patterns.
9. Maintain a favourable attitude towards the permanent updating through critical evaluation of scientific documentation, taking into account its origin, situating it in an epistemological framework and identifying and contrasting its contributions in relation to the available disciplinary knowledge.
10. Recognise the deontological code and act ethically.
11. Recognise the most characteristic psychopathology of each life cycle, its genesis, clinical, epidemiology and course.

Content

1. Introduction: concept, causality and classification of psychopathology
2. Neurodevelopmental disorders: Intellectual disability, autism, tics, elimination and sleep disorders
3. Infancy: Anxiety and disruptive behavior disorders
4. Adolescence: eating disorders
5. Adulthood: cognition and affective disorders, psychosis and personality disorders.

Methodology

Content acquisition will be done through:

a) Lectures. Lectures present general concepts both about basic issues (abnormality, causality, classification) and psychopathological aspects in order to allow students to look further in depth in the non-directed part of learning (reading, cases, problems).

Material: Recommended readings.

Program: 17 sessions of 1.5 hours (total 25.5 hours)

For the first part of the subject (Child-Adolescent Psychopathology) lectures will take place from week 1 to 8, with the possibility of sessions in week 9, according to the calendar of each group.

For the second part of the subject (Adult Psychopathology) lectures will take place from week 11 to 16, with the possibility of beginning in week 9 if this is necessary and possible.

Week 1 starts on September 9th.

b) Seminars. Clinical case-based problems and Problem-Based Learning (PBL) allow students to look in depth at contents and to practice competences from a different point of view. Eventually, some students will be able to present materials in class. Assessment 1 is also related to this type of learning and requires submission of a written document before week 9 (see specific calendar of each group).

Material: Cases and other supporting material will be available in Virtual Campus.

Program: 10 sessions of 2 hours each (total 20 hours).

For the first part of the subject (children) sessions will take part between 1st and 8th weeks.

For the second part of the subject (adults) sessions will take place between 11th and 16th weeks.

Week 1 starts on September 9th.

Groups assignment to the seminars is done by *Gestió Acadèmica* (Academic Administration). It is important to follow lecturers' guidelines before considering a change of group, and to carefully consider the conditions and requirements before going ahead with a change. Regarding assessment 1 submission, since it means group work, it is crucial to stay in the assigned group (11, 12, 21...) to submit this assessment in order to avoid problems to obtain a mark. Assessment 1 submission is via Virtual Campus and group assignments are programmed. Choosing students who are not in the assigned group could make difficult to grade this assessment.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lectures	25.5	1.02	2, 6, 8, 10
Seminars	20	0.8	1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9
Type: Supervised			
Optional meetings with tutor	7.5	0.3	1, 9
Type: Autonomous			
Readings	41.5	1.66	2, 6, 8, 9
Study and Problem-Based-Learning	52.5	2.1	1, 2, 6, 8, 7, 9

Assessment

Assessment consists of 4 assessments. Chronologically:

E1 (CC): Children case-work. In groups, written, virtual, weeks 6-7-8, weight 10%.

E2 (CE): Exam part children-adolescents. Individual, written, in class, week 10, weight 40%.

E3 (AC): Adults case-work. Individual and/or group, written and/or oral, in class, weeks 11th to 16th, weight 10%.

E4 (AE): Exam part adults. Individual, written, in class, week 17, weight 40%.

To pass the subject

Two conditions must be met:

1) It must be possible to calculate weighted mean (i.e., this happens when $[(E2+E4) / 2] \geq 4$)

Assessments 2 and 4 (exams) are considered main assessments because of their weight (80%). Consequently, to calculate the weighted mean, students should show basic knowledge equivalent to or above 4 in those 2 assessments ($[(E2+E4) / 2] \geq 4$).

When this condition is not met, the grades of assessments 1 and 3 will not be considered and the subject will obtain the mark directly derived from $(E2+E4) / 2$.

Example 1: A student who obtains a mark of 5 in E2 and 1.5 in E4 obtains $(5+1.5)/2 = 3.25 < 4$ using $(E2+E4)/2$. Therefore, condition 1 is not met and the weighted mean will not be calculated. The score of this student in the subject is 3.25, which does not allow re-assessment.

Example 2: A student obtains a mark of 4 in E2 and 4.5 in E4. This means $(4+4.5)/2 = 4.25 > 4$ using $(E2+E4)/2$. Therefore, the first condition is met and the weighted mean would be calculated. In the event the subject is not passed, this score allows e-assessment.

Example 3: A student who obtains a mark of 8 in E2 and 9 in E4 means that $(8+9)/2 = 8.5 > 4$, so the first condition is met, the weighted mean can be calculated and a good mark will be obtained.

2) Weighted mean must be ≥ 5

Weighted mean implies all the assessments weighted by their weight. So:

Final score (Weighted mean) = $(E1 \cdot 0.10) + (E2 \cdot 0.40) + (E3 \cdot 0.10) + (E4 \cdot 0.40)$

Example: A student obtains a mark of 8 in E1, 5 in E2, 9 in E3 and 7 in E4. Consequently: Final score (Weighted mean) = $8 \cdot 0.1 + 5 \cdot 0.4 + 9 \cdot 0.1 + 7 \cdot 0.4 = 0.8 + 2 + 0.9 + 2.8 = 6.5$

The condition of "presented"

Submission of assessments equivalent to or above 4 points on the total of the assessment (40%) means "presented" in this subject (according to point 5 of the assessment regulations of the faculty).

Re-assessment

To resit the subject students must take an exam based on ALL THE CONTENTS OF THE PROGRAM (lectures and seminars of both parts of the subject). This exam does not allow students to improve the mark obtained if they pass the subject.

Resits consist of a test exam with 4 options to answer and a number of questions similar to the sum of assessments 2 and 4. Re-assessment is on the WHOLE SUBJECT, including assessments 1, 2, 3 and 4.

It is possible to take resits when 3 conditions are met:

1) Having not achieved a pass grade in the subject (see above)

2) Having been assessed on at least 2/3 of the total assessment (i.e., 66% of total score in continuous assessment)

3) Having obtained a score in continuous assessment between 3.5 and 4.9

The mark obtained in the resit exam will not be included directly in the final results in substitution of the preceding score. The mark obtained in the resit exam means a maximum value of 2 additional points to the preceding score [Final score = Previous score + (Resit mark (passed)*0.20)]. It is necessary to pass the resit exam with a minimum score of 5 to enable the sum of the additional value.

Example: A student obtains a final score of 4.5 (weighted mean) and can go to resits, where they obtain a mark of 7. So, the mark after re-assessment will not be 7 but $4.5 + (7*0.20) = 4.5 + 1.4 = 5.9$.

Resits will take place in week 18-19-20.

<https://www.uab.cat/web/estudiar/graus/graus/avaluacions-1345722525858.html>

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
E1. Children case-work	10%	0	0	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 7, 9, 10, 11
E2. Exam part children-adolescents	40%	1.5	0.06	2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 7, 9
E3. Adults case-work	10%	0	0	2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 7, 10
E4. Exam part adults.	40%	1.5	0.06	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 7, 9, 10

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