Module Title
Psychological Disorder

Lecturer(s)
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Contact Hours
One semester (Hilary):

ECTS Value
5 ECTS

Rationale and Aims
This module is designed to introduce students to the field of psychological disorders. This course aims to provide a broad introduction to the major conceptual approaches, theories, principles and research domains of psychology applied to mental health problems.

Course Content
- Introduction
- Theoretical Approaches
- Legal and Ethical Issues
- Research Methodologies
- Diagnosing Mental Illness
- Clinical Assessment
- Substance Abuse
- Aging
- Eating Disorders
- Psychophysiological Disorders
- Somatoform Disorders
- Culture & Disorder
- Schizophrenia
- Childhood Disorders
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Personality Disorders
- Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders
- Evaluating Psychotherapy

Indicative Resources
Recommended text:

Web Resources:

http://www.wiley.com/college/davison

(contains links to sites related to abnormal psychology)

Other readings are given as the module progresses and supporting additional reading resources are made available to students in the School resource room.

**Learning Outcomes**
On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:
- describe and outline major theoretical approaches to psychological disorder
- identify contemporary diagnostic criteria for a range of disorders
- critically evaluate the role of social, cultural, and economic influences in defining and diagnosing psychological disorders
- describe the application of research methodologies to studying psychological disorders
- appreciate the contribution of psychological factors in the cause, expression, and treatment of a range of clinical problems
- critically evaluate the efficacy of psychological intervention

**Methods of Assessment**
TBD