PSYC90015 Advanced Psychopathology

Credit Points:	6.25
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2016, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 1.5 hours of lectures per week for a 12-week semester Total Time Commitment: 85 hours
Prerequisites:	Enrolment in one of the following Psychology professional training programs, 527CL, 527CN, 080CL, 080CN or MC-PSYCHCS
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Completion of APAC approved psychology studies to fourth-year (Honours) level.
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering requests for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements, Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	A comprehensive biopsychosocial approach to the examination and evaluation of various competing theories of aetiology; maintenance and treatment of psychological problems/ disorders that commonly present to clinicians. The conceptual strengths and weaknesses of these theoretical positions will be examined and discussed, and their empirical status will be evaluated.
Learning Outcomes:	 The subject will give studentes the opportunity to gain: # a critical understanding of psychopathology from various theoretical and descriptive perspectives; identify the major theories of aetiology and maintenance for psychological problems that commonly present to clinical practitioners; # Critically evaluate the empirical status of these theories and their conceputal strenths and weaknesses; and # An improved understanding of the diversity and complexity of the causality of individual behaviour.

Assessment:	An end-of-semester examination of 2 hours duration (80% of assessment) and a mid-semester essay of 500 words (20% of assessment).
Prescribed Texts:	None. A series of readings will be provided.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	Written and interpersonal communication skills; Analytic, synthesizing and problem-solvingskills.
Related Course(s):	Master of Psychology (Clinical - Singapore) Master of Psychology (Clinical Child Psychology)/Doctor of Philosophy Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)/Doctor of Philosophy