

MENTAL DISORDERS PROJECT

Students in Psych 1000 will write a Mental Disorder paper as partial completion of their project requirement. The paper, for full credit, **must** include:

- 1) A description of the disorder taken from DSM V with regard to symptoms, functional effects, and duration;
- 2) A case study, or detailed profile, of someone who has or continues to suffer from the disorder;
- 3) Two explanations, from varying theoretical perspectives (psychodynamic, behavioral, biological, or cognitive) as to what **causes** the disorder; and
- 4) Two distinct treatment strategies that help people overcome or manage its effects.
- 5) A Reference page which lists 5 sources, complying with either MLA or APA criteria, **no Wikipedia**.

The paper must be typed and legible. A paper's use of proper grammar, sentence construction, and spelling, among other elements of style expected on college work, will account for approximately 20% of its assigned grade. Also, if a paper neglects to adequately comply with the four content criteria, points for this element will be discounted. Finally, retain an electronic copy of the paper until the semester ends on December 15.

With regard to the specific disorder a student will describe, only three students per class can use the same disorder. Students should email me at vince_brolley@ivcc.edu with their selection – first come, first served. Once three students have selected a particular disorder, that disorder will no longer be available.

The paper is worth **15%** of your final grade.

Papers are due on _____.

Students are STRONGLY advised to do their own work and comply with IVCC's rules concerning plagiarism. Violations of said policy will result in harsh penalties, up to and including failure of this course.