The guidelines and standards that we follow in our professional activities are not set in stone. Change is a big part of life and new research or novel new theories can impact the way mental health professionals view problems. Although many of the ideas and diagnostic concepts in the field of abnormal psychology have persisted for hundreds of years, changes in thinking do occur. And, at some point there are events that occur that force a rethinking of some issues. Most recently in abnormal psychology, the publication of the DSM-5, after years of development and considerable controversy, is one of those momentous changes. Reflecting this, we have revised this new edition of Abnormal Psychology to reflect the most up-to-date information about diagnostic categories, classifications, and criteria.

Every time we work on a revision of Abnormal Psychology we are reminded of how dynamic and vibrant our field is. Developments in areas such as genetics, brain imaging, behavioral observation, and classification, as well changes in social and government policy and in legal decisions, add to our knowledge base and stimulate new treatments for those whose lives are touched by mental disorders. This is exciting. But the rapid progress of our field also presents its own challenges. One of the most important is how best to provide students with an integrated perspective—one that respects new ideas and discoveries and places them into the existing body of knowledge in a way that emphasizes multiple perspectives, provokes thought, and increases awareness.

We use a biopsychosocial approach to provide a sophisticated appreciation of the total context in which abnormalities of behavior occur. For ease of understanding we also present material on each disorder in a logical and consistent way. More specifically, we focus on three significant aspects: (1) the clinical picture, where we describe the symptoms of the disorder and its associated features; (2) factors involved in the development of the disorder; and (3) treatment approaches. In each case, we examine the evidence for biological, psychosocial (i.e., psychological and interpersonal), and sociocultural (the broader social environment of culture and subculture) influences. Because we wish never to lose sight of the person, we try to integrate as much case material as we can into each chapter. An additional feature of this book is a focus on treatment. Although treatment is discussed in every chapter in the context of specific disorders, we also include a separate chapter that addresses issues in treatment more broadly. This provides students with increased understanding of a wide range of treatment approaches and permits more in-depth coverage than is possible in specific disorder–based chapters.

The Butcher–Hooley–Mineka author team is in a unique position to provide students with an integrated and comprehensive understanding of abnormal psychology. Each author is a noted researcher, an experienced teacher, and a licensed clinician. Each brings different areas of expertise and diverse research interests to the textbook. Importantly, these different perspectives come together in a systematically integrated text that is accessible to a broad audience. The depth and breadth of the author team provides students with learning experiences that can take them to new levels of understanding. Our approach emphasizes the importance of research as well as the need to translate research findings into informed and effective clinical care for all who suffer from mental disorders.

Abnormal Psychology has a long and distinguished tradition as an undergraduate text. Ever since James Coleman wrote the first edition many years ago, this textbook has been considered the most comprehensive in the field. Along the way there have been many changes. However, the commitment to excellence in this now-classic textbook has remained ever constant. In this new edition, we seek to open up the fascinating world of abnormal psychology, providing students with comprehensive and up-to-date knowledge in an accessible and engaging way. We hope that this newest edition conveys some of the passion and enthusiasm for the topic that we still experience every day.

Why Do You Need This New Edition?

If you’re wondering why you should buy this new edition of Abnormal Psychology, here are 7 good reasons!

1. The sixteenth edition of Abnormal Psychology includes the most up-to-date and in-depth information about biological influences on the entire spectrum of behavioral abnormalities, while still maintaining its comprehensive and balanced biopsychosocial approach to understanding abnormal behavior.

2. After years of planning, DSM-5 was published in May 2013. This major revision of the diagnostic system means that the diagnostic criteria for many disorders have changed. To stay current, you need to know about the changes that have been made in DSM-5. Books that do not include coverage of DSM-5 are books that are out of date.

3. Our new edition provides you with detailed tables showing the current DSM-5 diagnostic criteria for all the disorders covered in the book.

4. New highlight boxes alert you to some of the most important changes in DSM-5. These include changes to the diagnostic criteria for attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder as well as new diagnoses such as binge eating disorder and premenstrual dysphoric disorder.

5. Other feature boxes provide opportunities for critical thinking by illustrating some of the controversies associated with the changes that were (or were not) made. Throughout the
book we also provide readers with different perspectives on
the likely implications that these changes will have for clinical
diagnosis and research in psychopathology.

6. Changes have been made in many chapters to improve the
flow of the writing and enhance learning. Reflecting the ever-
changing field of abnormal psychology, new references have
been added and new research findings highlighted.

7. Finally, at the beginning of each chapter clearly defined
Learning Objectives provide the reader with an overview of
topics and issues that will be included in the chapter. At the
end of each chapter a summary of answers to these Learning
Objective questions are provided. In-Review Questions
at the end of major sections within chapters also provide
additional opportunities for self-assessment and increased
learning.

What’s New
A major change in the 16th edition of Abnormal Psychology is
the focus on DSM-5. This important revision to the diagnostic
system was published in May 2013. To assist both instructors
and students, we include specialized feature boxes, highlighting
many of the key changes that were made in DSM-5. This makes
new material immediately accessible. Other important changes
in DSM-5 are also mentioned throughout the text. Providing
students with this material as soon as possible after the publica-
tion of DSM-5 reflects our commitment to staying ahead of the
curve and to providing students with the most up-to-date
information possible.

This new edition of Abnormal Psychology has been rede-
signed to remain visually engaging to the newest generation
of students. Chapters begin with learning objective questions.
These orient the reader to the material that will be presented
in each specific chapter. Learning objective questions are also
repeated at the end of each chapter and answers are pro-
vided. Most chapters also begin with a case study that illustrates
the mental health problems to be addressed in the chapter. This
serves to capture students’ interest and attention right from
the outset. Numerous new photographs and illustrations have
also been added. In addition, this edition contains updated
case material, new unresolved issues (e.g., why is the study of
trauma so contentious?; why are recovery rates in schizophrenia
not improving?), and new feature boxes designed to be of high
interest to students (e.g., non-suicidal self-injury disorder).

Reflecting the ever-changing field of abnormal psychology,
umerous new references have been added. Outdated material
has been replaced, current findings have been included, and
new developments have been identified. The 16th edition also
includes the most up-to-date and in-depth information about
the role of biological factors in abnormal behavior, while at
the same time placing this in the context of a comprehensive
biopsychosocial approach. Our coverage of cultural issues and
diversity has also been strengthened. We hope readers will be
pleased to know that all of this has been accomplished without
adding length to the book!

Features and Pedagogy
The extensive research base and accessible organization of this
book are supported by high-interest features and helpful peda-
gogy to further engage students and support learning. We also
hope to encourage students to think in depth about the topics
they are learning about through specific highlight features that
emphasize critical thinking.

Features

FEATURE BOXES
Special sections, called Developments in Research, Developments
in Thinking, Developments in Practice, and The World Around Us, highlight topics of particular interest, focusing on applica-
tions of research to everyday life, current events, and the latest
research methodologies, technologies, and findings.

CRITICAL THINKING
New to this edition are special highlight boxes about DSM-5.
Many of the revisions to DSM-5 were highly contentious and
controversial. A new feature box called “Thinking Critically
About DSM-5” introduces students to the revised DSM and
encourages them to think critically about the implications of
these changes.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES
All chapters include end-of-chapter sections that demonstrate
how far we have come and how far we have yet to go in our
understanding of psychological disorders. The topics covered
here provide insight into the future of the field and expose
students to some controversial topics. New to this edition is a
discussion of the problems associated with the study of trauma.
In another chapter, we raise the contentious issue of whether
treatment with antipsychotic medications is helpful or harmful
in the very long term.

Pedagogy

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Each chapter begins with learning objective questions. These
orient the reader to the material that will be presented in each
specific chapter. Learning objective questions are also repeated
at the end of each chapter, along with their answers. This pro-
vides students with an excellent tool for study and review. In this
edition, sections of many chapters have also been reorganized
and material has been streamlined whenever possible. All the changes
that have been made are designed to improve the flow of the
writing and enhance pedagogy.
CASE STUDIES
Extensive case studies of individuals with various disorders are integrated in the text throughout the book. Some are brief excerpts; others are detailed analyses. These cases bring important aspects of the disorders to life. They also remind readers that the problems of abnormal psychology affect the lives of people—people from all kinds of diverse backgrounds who have much in common with all of us.

IN REVIEW QUESTIONS
Questions appear at the end of each major section within the chapter, providing regular opportunities for self-assessment as students read and further reinforce their learning.

DSM-5 BOXES
Throughout the book these boxes contain the most up-to-date (DSM-5) diagnostic criteria for all of the disorders discussed. In a convenient and visually accessible form, they provide a helpful study tool that reflects current diagnostic practice. They also help students understand disorders in a real-world context.

RESEARCH CLOSE-UP TERMS
Appearing throughout each chapter, these terms illuminate research methodologies. They are designed to give students a clearer understanding of some of the most important research concepts in the field of abnormal psychology.

CHAPTER SUMMARIES
Each chapter ends with a summary of the essential points of the chapter organized around the learning objectives presented at the start of the chapter. These summaries use bulleted lists rather than formal paragraphs. This makes the information more accessible for students and easier to scan.

KEY TERMS
Key terms are identified in each chapter. Key terms are also listed at the end of every chapter with page numbers referencing where they can be found in the body of the text. Key terms are also defined in the Glossary at the end of the book.

Speaking Out: Interviews with People Who Struggle with Psychological Disorders
This set of video segments allows students to see firsthand accounts of patients with various disorders. The interviews were conducted by licensed clinicians and range in length from 8 to 25 minutes. Disorders include major depressive disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, anorexia nervosa, PTSD, alcoholism, schizophrenia, autism, ADHD, bipolar disorder, social phobia, hypochondriasis, borderline personality disorder, and adjustment to physical illness. These video segments are available on DVD or through MyPsychLab.

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