Semester III

DSC-PSY-1C: PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS

Objective: To develop an understanding of the various psychological disorders and their treatment.

Unit 1: Basic Concepts: Definition and criteria of abnormality, classification, Diathesis Stress Model.

Unit 2: Theoretical perspectives: Biological, familial, cultural, behavioral, cognitive and psychodynamic.

Unit 3: Clinical states: Anxiety disorders-Obsessive compulsive disorder, mood disorders-Unipolar, Bipolar; schizophrenia: Disorganized, Paranoid and Catatonic, learning disabilities.

Unit 4: Treatment of disorders: a) Biological treatment: Pharmacotherapy and Electroconvulsive therapy b) Psychological treatment: Psychoanalytic therapy, Behaviour therapy and Cognitive-Behaviour therapy.

Readings:

Carson, R.C., Butcher, J.N., Mineka, S.& Hooley, J.M. (2008). Abnormal Psychology. New Delhi: Pearson.

Barlow D.H. and Durand V.M. (2005). Abnormal Psychology: An Integrated Approach (4th Ed.). Wadsworth: New York.

Frude, N. (1998). Understanding abnormal psychology. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers.