

University of Manitoba  
Department of Sociology  
Summer Session 2008

**SOC 3660- A01 Sociology of Mental Disorder**

May Day: May 5 - May 28, 2008, 3 credit hours  
(MTWThF: 8:30 - 10:30 AM in Room 302 Tier)

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appointment

**Objectives of the course:**

This course examines the social processes involved in becoming and being mentally ill. Topics such as gender and mental disorder, images of madness, and decision-making rules in the psy-professions will be considered.

**Required text:**

Busfield, Joan. Men, Women and Madness: Understanding Gender and Mental Disorder,  
New York University Press, New York: 1996.

**Course requirements:**

The final grade will be based on the items below:

- 1) Attendance (15%)
- 2) Group Presentation TBA (15%)
- 3) In-class test (30%) Friday, May 16, 2008
- 4) Take Home Assignment (40%): due at my office by 12:00 noon Friday, May 30, 2008.

Study questions for the in-class test and take home exam will be distributed in advance. The group assignment will be detailed in a separate handout. Please note: No provisions for missed tests or late assignments have been made and the above schedule will be strictly adhered to. Request for special consideration must be made well in advance and supported by appropriate documentation. **Late assignments will be penalized 5 points per day, including weekends.**

\*The course requirements will be based on the readings, lectures and class discussions. Students are required to attend class and to complete the readings in advance of the lectures so that any problems, concerns or issues can be raised for discussion in class. Participation in class discussion is both welcomed and encouraged.

**Students should familiarize themselves with the University's policies on academic dishonesty, including "Examinations: Personations"(section 4.2.8) and "Plagiarism and Cheating" (section 7.1) found in the Undergraduate Calendar.**

The voluntary withdrawal date for first term half courses is **Thursday, May 22, 2008.**

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SOC 3660

**Grade distribution:**

A+ 90-100	B+ 75-84	C+ 65-69	D 50-59
A 85-89	B 70-74	C 60-64	F <50__

**Class Schedule:**

This is a tentative class schedule and may be modified as we proceed. Our progress through the course materials will be monitored to determine whether any changes are appropriate.

**May 5:** Introduction and overview of the course

**May 6 – May 15:**

The first section of the course examines issues that are critical to a Sociology of Mental Disorder including the role of social factors in the construction and 'diagnosis' of mental illness, the methods used to study mental disorders and the social control of **deviance**.

Readings: Busfield, Men, Women and Madness, Introduction and Part I.

**Friday, May 16: In-class test (30% of final grade)**

**May 19: NO CLASS Victoria Day**

**May 20 - 28:**

The second section of the course engages a focused analysis of the various accounts of the origins of mental disorder, including for example, biological explanations, feminist psychologies and socio-political processes. These attempts to 'explain' mental disorder will be scrutinized in relation to the regulation of normality.

Readings: Busfield, Men, Women and Madness, Part II.

**Take home Assignment (40%): due by 12:00 noon Friday, May 20/08 in my office.**

**\*Please note: Students are not permitted to submit course work by email.**