Psychology 450: Abnormal Psychology

Research Paper

Worth 100 points

An eight page (not including title page or references page) scholarly original research paper written in APA style, utilizing electronic library and conventional library resources (minimum number of references will be twelve; each reference listed on the references page must be noted APA style in the body of the paper where it is utilized) will be required as part of this course. The paper must cover a current psychological disorder, the origins of, diagnostic criteria, and most common treatment. A term paper which ignores this requirement will be rejected and an F will be given for the assignment, without opportunity to re-submit. *It is essential for success that the student will do his/her own research, and produce the finished product himself/herself. Anything less will be considered academic dishonesty, and PSC college procedures dealing with academic dishonesty will be initiated by the instructor.* When you are completing your assignments, make sure you appropriately cite ALL sources.

Guidelines for preparing your paper:

Points available:

60 points for content

 -Is the topic addressed related to abnormal psychology

 - Is the topic discussed in a comprehensive manner

 - Does the research provided support the conclusions of the paper (if

applicable) ?

20 points for writing quality

-Does the paper begin with a general introductory paragraph and end with a general summary and conclusion?

-Do the sentences make sense?

 -Are there more than three spelling or typographical errors?

 -Are there more than three grammatical errors?

-Does the paper flow smoothly from idea to idea, with general sentences used to transition from idea to idea

20 points for APA style

 -12 point Times New Roman or Courier New font

 - 1 inch margins

 - double-spaced paragraphs with one space between paragraphs

 - Reference page according to APA style

- Please note that you are referencing information. This means it MUST be used in the body of the paper and cited appropriately in the reference page.

Point deductions include but are not limited to:

* 10 points per page short of 8 full pages.
* 5 point per reference short of 12 references – keeping in mind that Wiki-anything (and other web pages mentioned in the syllabus) is not a source.
* If formatting is incorrect, I will reformat the paper according to APA style and graded accordingly. Meaning, if you try to use larger font to make your paper longer, I will figure it out.
* Plagiarism = 0 on the assignment and the class. You will be referred to the dean for academic affairs per PSC policy.

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