**AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION, REHABILITATION, AND COUNSELING**

Course Number: COUN 4000

Course Title: Introduction to Counseling and Psychotherapy

Prerequisites: COUN 2000

Credit Hours: 3 semester hours credits/Graded

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Or by appointment

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| *The course syllabus is a general plan for the course.*  *Deviations may be necessary in order to meet the needs of the class and any such deviations will be communicated to the class in a timely manner.*  ***REVISED – AUGUST 2022*** |

**Course Description:**

This course is an introduction to current theory, research, and practice regarding counseling and psychotherapy. We will cover several current issues relevant to counseling and psychotherapy, including the process of change, history of psychotherapy, theoretical perspectives, ethical issues in therapy, recent research, empirically supported treatments, opportunities and challenges for practice, and practical concerns. You will *not* do counseling with actual patients, and this is *not* a practicum course. My goal is to introduce you to the fields of counseling and psychotherapy, so you can more clearly define your own interests, aptitudes, and values related to the counseling process.

**The Required Textbooks (should plan to rent/purchase and need to read):**

Luhrmann, T.M. (2000). Of two minds: The growing disorder in American Psychiatry. New York: Alfred Knopf.

Gladding, S.T. (2018). Counseling: A comprehensive profession, 8th edition. Columbus, OH: Pearson.

Other readings will be provided by the instructor.

**Respect for Diversity:**It is my intent that students from all diverse backgrounds and perspectives be well-served by this course, that students' learning needs be addressed both in and out of class, and that the diversity that the students bring to this class be viewed as a resource, strength, and benefit. Your suggestions are encouraged and appreciated. Please let me know ways to improve the effectiveness of the course for you personally, or for other students or student groups.

Important note: I will attempt to foster an environment in which each class member is able to hear and respect each other. It is critical that each class member show respect for all worldviews expressed in class. It is expected that some of the material in this course may evoke strong emotions, please be respectful of others' emotions and be mindful of your own. Please let me know if something said or done in the classroom, by either myself or other students, is particularly troubling or causes discomfort or offense. While our intention may not be to cause discomfort or offense, the impact of what happens throughout the course is not to be ignored and is something that I consider to be very important and deserving of attention. If and when this occurs, there are several ways to alleviate some of the discomfort or hurt you may experience:

1. Discuss the situation privately with me. I am always open to listening to students' experiences and want to work with students to find acceptable ways to process and address the issue.
2. Discuss the situation with the class. Chances are there is at least one other student in the class who had a similar response to the material. Discussion enhances the ability of all class participants to have a fuller understanding of the context and impact of course material and class discussions.
3. Notify me of the issue through another source such as your advisor, a trusted faculty member, or a peer. If you do not feel comfortable discussing the issue directly with me, I encourage you to seek out another, more comfortable avenue to address the issue.

*Diversity Statement Adapted from Lynn Hernandez, Behavioral and Social Sciences, School of Public Health, Brown University*

**Assignments/Projects:**

**Exams**

(200 pts; 50 pts, 50 pts and 100 pts on the final) - The three exams will be a mixture of *multiple-choice, short answer, and essay-style responses*. The items will be from the required readings and the class material, which include lectures, demonstrations, guest lectures, documentaries, and discussions. Performing well on exams will require knowledge of material covered both in class and from the readings. The exams are *not* cumulative. Make-up exams will require *written* documentation of an excused absence. An absence will be considered excused if there is written documentation of a severe emergency, serious illness with a doctor’s note (dated that day), or an Auburn-approved event.

**Journals**

(100 pts; 20 pts each) - You will write five 500-word (or more) critical reflections on the readings. This is a chance for you to ask questions and share your own thoughts and reactions to the readings. These are NOT summaries. Think about what you liked disliked, agreed with, disagreed with from the material, what did you personally learn, why was this information new for you? Add 1-2 burning questions. Please do *not* include a title page or title etc. These can be single-spaced.

**Student Presentations:**

(100 pts) - In groups of 3-4, students will select a topic and research how counselors work to help individuals with that particular concern. Students whose major is in a related field may present how people from their discipline work with a particular issue. The selected topic should have some relationship to mental health or mental illness. Examples of topics students might select include depression, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, loneliness, and relationship concerns. This is not an exhaustive list. Each group must clear the presentation topic with the instructor by the 5th week of class.

**Formal Paper:**

(100 pts) You will write a 5-page research paper addressing some aspect of the counseling process discussed Luhrmann (2000) or Gladding (2018). You must choose one or the other as your main source for your paper. Your paper must be typed, double-spaced, use a Times New Roman 12-point font size, and use 1.0-inch margins. As a class, we will discuss a list of possible issues that you might want to consider for your paper. Your research paper will follow **APA format** which will discuss in class. As an upper-level course, it is expected that you will continue to develop critical writing and research skills. Therefore, this paper will in essence be a literature review like those that you would find in a peer review journal. You will review what Luhrmann (or Gladding) says about the topic and supplement your review with other academic sources (you will have at least 5 sources that are either professional books or journals, *not* websites).

Your literature review should include a discussion of how that topic fits with the course and the field of counseling & psychotherapy and brief speculation on the implications of this issue for the future. Examples of relevant journals are the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, Journal of Abnormal Psychology, Journal of Counseling Psychology, Behavior Therapy, Cognitive Therapy, and Research, Behavior Research and Therapy, American Journal of Psychiatry, Archives of General Psychiatry,* and *British Journal of Psychiatry.* Your literature review should be clearly organized, focused on the topic, and well written. It should also be thorough, thoughtful, accurate, and include some of your *own* ideas and perspectives on the topic.

You will include a title page (APA format) and a list of references that you reviewed and cited (APA style). You may not quote more than 50 words, and always put quotations in quotation marks along with providing the source (authors followed by year) and the page number. Avoid plagiarism as it will result in a grade of zero for the paper (we will discuss this when discussing possible topics). Late papers will be penalized (see late policy).

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| **COURSE CONTENT OUTLINE** | | |
| **Topic** | | **Assignments** |
| **Week 1** | | |
| **W (8/17)** | Review of Syllabus; Introductions; “House Rules” |  |
| **F (8/19)** | What is Counseling/Psychotherapy? |  |
| **Week 2** | | |
| **M (8/22)** | Intro to Psychiatry and Mental Illness  Personal and Professional Aspects of Counseling | Luhrmann *Introduction* p. 3-24 |
| **W (8/24)** | Mental Illness and Stigma | Gladding 1 |
| **F (8/26)** | Theories and Specific Approaches: The Importance of Perspective | **DUE: Journal 1** |
| **Week 3** | | |
| **M (8/29)** | Psychoanalytic and Adlerian | Gladding 7 |
| **W (8/31)** | Person-Centered, Gestalt, Existential | Luhrmann *chapter 1* |
| **F (9/2)** | Behavioral, Cognitive | Gladding 8 |
| **Week 4** | | |
| **M (9/5)** | **Labor Day – NO CLASS** |  |
| **W (9/7)** | Feminist therapy | Luhrmann *chapter 2* |
| **F (9/9)** | Emotion-Focused and Polyvagal Theory | **DUE: Journal #2** |
| **Week 5** | | |
| **M (9/12)** | **EXAM 1** | Gladding 1, 7, 8  Luhrmann 1 & 2 |
| **W (9/14)** | Systemic, Brief, and Crisis Theories of Counseling | Gladding 8 |
| **F (9/16)** | Orientation to Research and Writing | Gladding 11  **DUE:**  **Group Presentation Topic Research Paper Topic** |
| **Week 6** | | |
| **M (9/19)** | Counseling in a Multicultural Society | Gladding 3 |
| **W (9/21)** | Counseling Diverse Populations | Gladding 4 |
| **F (9/23)** | In-Class Discussion |  |
| **Week 7** | | |
| **M (9/26)** | In-Class Activity | Luhrmann *chapter 3* |
| **W (9/28)** | Groups in Counseling | Gladding 9 |
| **F (9/30)** | In-Class Activity | **DUE: Journal #3** |
| **Week 8** | | |
| **M (10/3)** | **EXAM 2** | Gladding 3, 4, 8, 9, 11  Luhrmann chapter 3 |
| **W (10/5)** | Exam review and class discussion |  |
| **F (10/7)** | Fall break |  |
| **Week 9** | | |
| **M (10/10)** | Contemporary Psychotherapy & Managed Care | Luhrmann *chapter 4* |
| **W (10/12)** | Couples and Family in Counseling | Gladding 14 |
| **F (10/14)** | Class Discussion | Luhrmann *chapter 5* |
| **Week 10** | | |
| **M (10/17)** | Building Counseling Relationships | Gladding 5 |
| **W (10/19)** | Diagnosis in Counseling/Psychotherapy | Gladding 12 |
| **F (10/21)** | Testing and Assessment | **DUE: Journal #4** |
| **Week 11** | | |
| **M (10/24)** | Ethical and Legal Aspects of Counseling | Luhrmann *chapter 6* |
| **W (10/26)** | Ethical Issues: Suicide and Homicide |  |
| **F (10/28)** | Ethical Issues, continued. |  |
| **Week 12** | | |
| **M (10/31)** | Professional School Counseling | Gladding 15 |
| **W (11/2)** | College Counseling and Student-Life Services | Gladding 16 |
| **F (11/4)** | Group Work | **DUE:** **Journal #5** |
| **Week 13** | | |
| **M (11/7)** | Clinical Mental Health & Private Counseling | Gladding 18 |
| **W (11/9)** | Abuse and Addiction | Gladding 17 |
| **F (11/11)** | Disability and Counseling | **Final Research Paper Due** |
| **Week 14** | | |
| **M (11/14)** | Creative Arts Therapies | Luhrmann *chapter 7* |
| **W (11/16)** | Play therapy |  |
| **F (11/18)** | Sand tray therapies and animal-assisted therapies |  |
| **Week 15 – THANKSGIVING BREAK (11/21-25)** | | |
| **Week 16** | | |
| **M (11/28)** | **Student Presentations** | **DUE: Group Presentations - ALL student presentations must be uploaded to Canvas before class on 11/28** |
| **W (11/30)** | **Student Presentations** |  |
| **F (12/2)** | **Student Presentations** |  |
| **FINAL EXAM 12/7/21 8 -10:30 AM**  Gladding 5, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 Luhrmann *chapter 4-7* | | |

## Course Requirements and Grading:

All assignments must be completed to earn a final grade. Grades will be based upon total point accumulation in the course:

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| Exams | 200 |
| Research Final Paper | 100 |
| Group Presentation | 100 |
| Journals | 100 |
| **TOTAL** | **500** |

All assignments must be completed to earn a final grade. Grades will be based upon total point accumulation in the course:

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| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **F** |
| 500 – 448 | 447 – 397 | 396 – 348 | 347 – 298 | 297 and below |

Assignments are due at the START of class on the date listed on the syllabus. Canvas is considered the official timestamp for assignments. Those assignments turned in after the indicated time on Canvas are subject to point deduction. Late papers/assignments will receive a 25% deduction in grade for each day they are late.

**Course Policy Statements:**

Please do the following in the event of an illness or COVID-related absence:

● Notify me in advance of your absence

● Provide me with medical documentation

● Keep up with coursework as much as possible

● Participate in class activities and submit assignments remotely

* Notify me if you require a modification to the deadline of an assignment or exam 24 hours in advance

**Course Expectations Related to COVID-19:**

**Face Coverings:** As a member of the Auburn University academic community, you are required to follow all university guidelines for personal safety with face coverings, physical distancing, and sanitation. Face coverings will be required in this class if Auburn University makes this mandatory. As such, face coverings must meet safety specifications, be worn correctly, and be socially appropriate.

**Course Attendance:** Attendance is expected and you are responsible for all class material covered in your absence.

**Name/Pronoun Statemen**t: I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me early in the semester (either via email or in-person) so that I may make appropriate changes to my records. Only individuals with university approved absences will be allowed to make up missed in-class assignments/activities. In addition to attendance, I expect that when you do come to class, you will be in class. I appreciate that emergencies do happen, but they do not happen each week. Arriving late to class, leaving early, leaving class for an extended period of time during class are similar to an absence.

**Excused Absences**: Only university excused absences will be accepted. When feasible, the student must notify the instructor prior to the occurrence of any excused absences, but in no case shall notification occur more than once a week after the absence. Appropriate documentation for all excused absences is required. Please see university policies for additional information on absences.

**Religious/Cultural Observance**: Persons who have religious or cultural observances that coincide with this class should let the instructor know in writing (by e-mail) prior to the date of said religious or cultural observance. I strongly encourage you to honor your cultural and religious holidays! However, if I do not hear from you, I will assume that you plan to attend all class meetings.

**Personal Technology**: The use of a laptop, tablet, or any other device for taking notes or otherwise participating in class is permitted. However, please do not use a personal device for any purpose unrelated to our class. All devices should be silenced. Cell phones should be put away. If there is a serious need to leave your cell phone on, such as a family emergency, please put it on vibrate and let me know. Otherwise, if you are using your cell phone, you will be marked as absent for the class period and you will not receive participation points.

**Email**: Outside of class, I will communicate primarily through Canvas. Therefore, all students are expected to regularly check Canvas for class updates and announcements. Additionally, if you have any questions regarding class material, feel free to e-mail me using your official Auburn email or stop by my office. If you do not receive a response from me within 24 to 48 hours of sending an email, please be sure to follow-up with me.

**Recording**: In order to create a safe classroom and learning environment and to respect students’ rights to privacy, recording of class is prohibited. This includes audio and video recordings.

**Class Cancellation**: In the event that class is canceled or the university closes, I will post the planned class activities on canvas, and students are responsible for completing these assignments before the next class period. Additionally, I will notify students if class is canceled at least 24-hours in advance through email, therefore, it is expected that students are regularly checking their official Auburn email.

**Make-Up Policy**: Arrangement to make up a missed test, in-class activity, or presentation due to properly authorized excused absences must be initiated by the student within one week of the end of the period of the excused absence(s). Except in extraordinary circumstance, no make-up exams will be arranged during the last three days before the final exam period begins.

**Late papers/assignments will receive a 25% deduction in grade for each day they are late.**

**Academic Honesty**: The University Honesty Code and the university policies, see website at https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/default.aspx for more information, pertaining to cheating will apply to this class.

Much plagiarism occurs as a result of missteps in regard to reading, note taking, and citation practices, or from procrastination, and/or panic. Care, timeliness, and communication will eliminate most of the risk. If you have questions about whether or not you should give credit to a source in your work, you may clarify it with me. In general, though, I recommend always the citing sources you have consulted as well as those you borrow from directly. If you are having difficulty with an essay, please contact me right away!

**Disability Accommodations**: Students who need accommodations are asked to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. If you have a conflict with my office hours, an alternate time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact me by e-mail. If you have not established accommodations through the Office of Accessibility, but need accommodations, make an appointment with the Office of Accessibility, 1228 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT).

**Student Mental Health and Well-Being:** If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, depressed, and/or in need of support, services are available. For help, contact **Student** **Counseling and Psychological Services (SCPS)** at **(334) 844-5123and** <http://wp.auburn.edu/scs> during and after hours, on weekends and holidays, or through its counselors physically located in the Medical Clinical and Haley Center. The East Alabama Mental Health Center has a toll free number that may be called 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for emergencies at **800-815-0630**. The clinician on-call will assist you as needed.

**Professionalism**: As faculty, staff, and students interact in professional settings, they are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College’s conceptual framework. These professional commitments or dispositions are listed below:

a. Engage in responsible and ethical professional practices

b. Contribute to collaborative learning communities

c. Demonstrate a commitment to diversity

d. Model and nurture intellectual vitality

**Title 1X:** Auburn University is committed to providing an environment that is free from discrimination and harassment based on protected class. If you believe you have been the victim of harassment or discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, or sex (including sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression), we encourage you to report it. If you report sexual assault or sexual misconduct to a faculty member, the faculty member is obligated to notify the University’s Title IX Coordinator about the basic facts of the incident. For more information about your Title IX reporting and resource options at Auburn University, please go to: [www.auburn.edu/titleix](http://www.auburn.edu/titleix)

*Course Policies Adapted for Use from CRLT, University of Michigan.*