PSY 473 BIZARRE BEHAVIOR AND CULTURE BOUND SYNDROMES (3)
Three hours lecture per week
Prerequisite: PSY 313 or consent of instructor
Examines bizarre behaviors and culture bound syndromes. Such behaviors and syndromes are at the extreme edge of the human repertoire. This course will examine such behaviors and syndromes while explaining how so-called normal behaviors in our own culture could be construed as abnormal in other parts of the world.

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3. Justification and Learning Objectives for the Course. (Indicate whether required or elective, and whether it meets University Writing, and/or Language requirements) [Use as much space as necessary]

Elective for the psychology major

This course examines extreme behaviors and syndromes which may or may not be culturally-bound. Students completing this course will be able to:

Explain and distinguish the most common bizarre behaviors and syndromes from around the world.

Demonstrate an understanding of the psychology of abnormal behavior in relation to cultural anthropology

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of theory and research in the psychological and physiological bases of extreme behaviors

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of individual and cultural differences in what is considered ‘normal’ behavior

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of perspectives on the origin and treatment of bizarre and extreme behaviors

Note: All learning objectives in psychology are taken from Allen, Noel, Deegan, Et. al. (2000). Goals and Objectives for the Undergraduate Psychology Major: Recommendations from a Meeting of California State University Psychology Faculty. Society for the Teaching of Psychology (APA Division 2).

4. Is this a General Education Course? If Yes, indicate GE category: No
5. Course Content in Outline Form

- Introduction to Bizarre and Extreme Behaviors
- Delusional Jealousy and Stalking
- Munchausen’s and Munchausen’s By Proxy Syndromes
- Dissociative Disorders, Multiple Personalities
- Possession and Exorcism Across Cultures
- Culture-Bound Syndromes: Amok
- Culture-Bound Syndromes: Koro
- Culture-Bound Syndromes: Susto
- Culture-Bound Syndromes: Latah
- Culture-Bound Syndromes: Pibloktq
- Culture-Bound Syndromes: Windigo
- Vampirism
- Lycanthropy
- Necrophilia and Sexual Sadism
- Trepanation and Other Interesting Pastimes

6. References


7. Qualified Faculty

- Kevin Volkan

8. Frequency

- Fall Semester: No
- Spring Semester: Yes
- Summer Semester: No

9. New Resources Required

- None

10. Consultation

- Attach consultation sheet from all program areas, Library, and others (if necessary)

11. If this new course will alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program, attach a program modification

- Proposer of Course: Kevin Volkan
- Date: Friday, January 10, 2003