Learning Objectives for Chapter 13: Psychological Disorders

1. Describe the medical model of abnormal behavior.
2. Explain the most commonly used criteria of abnormality.
3. List three stereotypes of people with psychological disorders.
4. List the five diagnostic axes of DSM-IV.
5. Discuss estimates of the prevalence of psychological disorders.
6. List five types of anxiety disorders and describe the symptoms associated with each.
7. Discuss the contribution of biological and cognitive factors, conditioning, and stress to the etiology of anxiety disorders.
8. Compare and contrast the three somatoform disorders and discuss their etiology.
9. Describe three dissociative disorders and their etiology.
10. Describe the two major mood disorders.
11. Explain how genetic and neurochemical factors may be related to the development of mood disorders.
12. Explain how cognitive factors, interpersonal factors, and stress may be related to the development of mood disorders.
13. Describe the general characteristics (symptoms) of schizophrenia.
14. Discuss the course of schizophrenia.
15. Explain how genetic vulnerability, neurochemical factors, and structural abnormalities in the brain may contribute to the etiology of schizophrenia.
16. Summarize evidence on how neurodevelopmental processes, family dynamics, and stress may be related to the development of schizophrenia.
17. Discuss the evidence on culture and pathology.
18. Describe the subtypes, symptoms and etiology of eating disorders.