**Name of the module:** Psychiatry  
**Number of module:** 471-8-5078

- **BGU Credits:** 7.5  
- **ECTS credits:**  
- **Academic year:** 5th year  
- **Semester:** 1st Semester  
- **Hours of instruction:** 8:30 – 16:00  
- **Location of instruction:** Beer Sheva Mental Health Center, Soroka Medical Center (Psychiatry), Barzilai Hospital (Ashkelon)  
- **Language of instruction:** Hebrew  
- **Cycle:** MD  
- **Position:** Obligatory for all medical students, preceding final year of medical school  
- **Field of Education:** Psychiatry division of medical studies  
- **Responsible department:** Beer Sheva Mental Health Center/Div of Psychiatry, Faculty of Health Sciences, BGU  
- **General prerequisites:** four years of the regular medical school curriculum  
- **Grading scale:** Numerical grade 0 – 100  

**Course Description:** Students will be exposed to open wards, closed and forensic wards, both chronic and acute, as well as to day programs and outpatient clinics (general and specialized). Students will observe patient/staff interactions, will interact with patients in individual and group formats, and will gain experience in interviewing patients and formulating diagnostics and treatment plans. Interventions to be considered include rehabilitation and the inclusion of the family.

**Aims of the module:** To familiarize medical students with a variety of psychological and psychiatric disorders, their presentation, course, treatment and prognosis, as well as to familiarize students with this patient population, their needs and requirements.

**Objectives of the module:** To impart basic clinical and research knowledge and skills in the field of modern clinical psychiatry.

**Learning outcomes of the module:** On successful completion of the course, the student should be able to:

1. Establish good, open communication with patients based on trust, empathy and respect.
2. Diagnose major and prevalent types of psychopathology.
3. Formulate short and long term treatment plans, incorporating psychopharmacology (including attention to side effects), psychotherapeutic interventions, rehabilitation, psychoeducation, and family oriented interventions.
4.  

**Attendance regulation:** Full attendance and active participation are expected daily throughout the rotation.

**Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:** Observation and participation in the ongoing activities of inpatient, outpatient, and day program units. In addition, individual supervision of patient interaction.
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**Module evaluation:** Yes, written evaluation/feedback  
**Confirmation:** The syllabus was confirmed by the faculty academic advisory committee to be valid on 2003-2004  
**Last update:** 11.2015

**Assessment:**  
1. Oral Exam 25%  
2. Written Exam 50%  
3. Supervisor Evaluation 25%  
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100%

**Work and assignments:** Students are expected to interview patients in the presence of a supervisor, to read Kaplan & Sadok “Synopsis of Psychiatry: Behavioral Sciences/Clinical Psychiatry”, selected research papers in the area of psychiatry – diagnosis, pharmacology, psychotherapy (dynamic, CBT, DBT and others).

**Time required for individual work:** Presence on the wards or in the clinics is expected 8 hours daily, five days per week. It is estimated that an additional 2 – 3 hours of reading and preparation is required per day.
Module Content/schedule and outlines:
8:00 – 10:00 Participation in staff meetings
10:00 – 14:00 Interviewing patients
14:00 – 16:00 Seminar – discussion of literature and integration with the clinical experiences of the day

Required reading: Kaplan & Sadok “Synopsis of Psychiatry: Behavioral Sciences/Clinical Psychiatry”; DSM-IV-R or DSM-V, ICD-10

Additional literature: current research papers and reviews on such topics as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, eating disorders, post traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorders, personality disorders, and updated guidelines regarding psychopharmacology.

* All learning material will be available to the students on the module's website (high-learn)/ library/ electronic documents available to BGU students.