Course Description
This course imparts a psychodynamic understanding of symptoms, core conflicts, and characteristic defenses in psychotic and narcissistic disorders.

Objectives
The student will be able to:
- demonstrate a psychodynamic understanding of the symptoms, core conflicts, and characteristic defenses inherent in primitive mental states; and
- distinguish between psychoanalytic and psychiatric diagnoses of symptoms, and recognize onset, course, and prognosis of the major mental disorders.

Teaching Method
There will be discussion of the assigned literature and videos, as well as guided class discussion of relevant case material. Emotional learning will occur by connecting the student’s emotional experience with the course’s theoretical content.

Method of Evaluation
Evidence of progressive understanding of clinical psychopathology, is demonstrated by class participation, logs, written reports, and final paper. After the first class, email logs 24 hours before the start of each class to melnikcs@hotmail.com. Students visit three psychiatric institutions during the semester, submitting written reports of those visits by the last class. Final paper is due the last class.

Texts
Assigned Readings

Class 1

Class 2

Class 3
Film:

Class 4
Visit by Fieldwork Coordinator

Class 5
Documentary:
Class 6

Class 7

Class 8

Fieldwork Presentation by a CMPS student who has completed Fieldwork

Class 9

Class 10

Class 11

Class 12