Course Description
This course imparts a psychodynamic understanding of symptoms, core conflicts, and characteristic defenses in psychotic, narcissistic and neurotic 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 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 and weekly logs - to be submitted online after each class meeting to melnikcs@hotmail.com. Logs should include thoughts and feelings about the readings and class process of the previous class, e.g., Log #1 should refer to class #1 and be submitted before class #2. Log headings should include:
Instructor Name, Student Name, Date of class referred to, and Log #
Students visit three psychiatric institutions and submit three short (1-2 page) write-ups of their experience.
Texts

Assigned Readings

Class 1: Mental Dynamics

Class 2: Mental Dynamics

Class 3: Primitive Defenses

Class 4: Primitive Defenses continued
Class 5: Schizophrenia

Class 6: Schizophrenia continued

Class 7: Paranoia

Class 8: Borderline Personality Disorder

Class 9: Impulsivity

Class 10: Mood Disorders
**Class 11: Addiction**

**Class 12: Somatization and Conclusion**