

PSY 215 Tracks and Topics for Final Project

For the final project and for the upcoming assignments in Module Three and Module Five, you must choose one of three tracks in the study of abnormal psychology. The track you choose determines the studies you will use to review literature, find a research gap, and design a study for your final project.

Do not worry if you are not familiar with the tracks at this point in the course; you will be learning much more about them throughout the term. Choose your track thoughtfully, however, as you will not be able to switch your track once chosen.

Track One looks at the biological influences of abnormal behavior. Track Two focuses on the psychological influences on abnormal behavior. Track Three explores the sociocultural influences of abnormal behavior.

Note: In this document, you are provided with three articles for each track, but you will need to find two additional articles to use for your final project.

Track One: Biological Influences of Abnormal Behavior

Track One topic and related articles:

Biological and genetic contributions to the development of psychological disorders:

Article: [The Roles of Genes, Stress, and Dopamine in the Development of Schizophrenia](#)

Article: [Can Marijuana Make It Better? Prospective Effects of Marijuana and Temperament on Risk for Anxiety and Depression](#)

Article: [The Covariation of Trait Anger and Borderline Personality: A Bivariate Twin-Siblings Study](#)

Track Two: Psychological Influences of Abnormal Behavior

Track Two topic and related articles:

Psychological assessments and therapies:

Article: [The Efficacy and Effectiveness of Psychological Treatments for Mood, Anxiety, and Related Disorders](#)

Article: [Cognitive Processing Therapy for Veterans With Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: A Comparison Between Outpatient and Residential Treatment](#)

Article: [Stressful Life Events in Bipolar I and II Disorder: Cause or Consequence of Mood Symptoms?](#)

Track Three: Sociocultural Influences of Abnormal Behavior

Track Three topic and related articles:

Social and cultural contributions to the development of psychological disorders:

Article: [Difference or Disorder? Cultural Issues in Understanding Neurodevelopmental Disorders](#)

Article: [The Expression of Depression in Asian Americans and European Americans](#)

Article: [The Relative Impact of Socioeconomic Status and Childhood Trauma on Black-White Differences in Paranoid Personality Disorder Symptoms](#)