

Winter 2021 PIO 201 COURSE DESCRIPTION

PIO 201 – 01 Neurodiversity – Instructor Alexandria Perry

3 credit hours

This course has three primary objectives. First, students will be introduced to the main philosophical and historical ideas surrounding mental health particularly as it relates to social justice and our understanding of “normal.” This course will provide you with the tools to understand the major social issues and cultural themes that have defined concepts of normal, disordered, functional, etc. as related to mental health and illness. The second main objective of this course is to attempt to answer the question “how are scholarly questions in the liberal arts addressed?” by introducing students to different disciplinary approaches to the same overarching questions through the analysis of a variety of primary and secondary source readings. Finally, this course is designed to strengthen the critical reading, thinking, and writing skills of students. Students will read primary source documents and complete several writing assignments over the course of the semester.