

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
STEVE HICKS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

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Cognitive Behavior Therapy

I. STANDARDIZED COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed as an advanced clinical selective for graduate students in the School of Social Work who wish to increase knowledge and skills for practice with cognitive behavior therapy. Students will develop a working understanding of cognitive behavioral practice becoming knowledgeable about classical formulations of this practice model. In addition, students will select, analyze, and integrate contemporary empirically based cognitive behavioral intervention strategies into the classical model. Finally, students will incorporate cognitive behavioral methods into their own personal social work practice model.

II. STANDARDIZED COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon the completion of this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the theory and basic practice principles of different types of cognitive behavior therapy (e.g., REBT, ACT, Mindfulness-based) in the current context of practice.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the historical development of approaches to cognitive behavior therapy, critical thinking related to assessment and intervention procedure of these approaches.
3. Demonstrate skills in the evidence based practice process in assessment, treatment planning and application of advanced cognitive behavior therapy techniques with individuals and groups within a social work human behavior framework.
4. Sensitively differentiate the need for appropriate variations in cognitive-behavioral approaches for use with diverse social, gender, ages, ethnic and cultural groups, at-risk populations and individuals with differences in life experiences.
5. Demonstrate the ability to identify and work through values conflicts and ethical dilemmas related to the use of cognitive behavioral methods.
6. Demonstrate an ability to integrate the cognitive behavioral practice approaches into a broader personal model of social work practice.

III. TEACHING METHODS

The primary teaching methods will be in-class lectures, group discussion, role play, video and live demonstration, group activities, and written assignments. Each class contains reading or video assignments that are expected to be completed prior to class. Students are expected to ask questions, share experiences, and actively participate in class discussions.

IV. REQUIRED TEXT AND MATERIALS

Required Textbook:

Beck, J.S. (2011). *Cognitive Behavior Therapy: Basics and Beyond, 2nd Edition*. New York; The Guilford Press.

Additional required readings will be made available via Canvas:

1. Bruchmüller, K., Margraf, J., Suppiger, A., & Schneider, S. (2011). Popular or unpopular? Therapists' use of structured interviews and their estimation of patient acceptance. *Behavior Therapy, 42*(4), 634-643.
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V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to attend all classes, complete all reading/video assignments, participate meaningfully in class discussions, and turn in all written assignments. Grades will be based on student performance on written assignments. Ten written homework assignments will be completed at 10 points each, for a total of 100 points. Two major written assignments will be completed at 25 points each, for total of 50 points. Thus, student grades will be based on the percentage of points earned out of 150.

VI. GRADES

The grading scale for this course is as follows:

94.0 and Above	A
90.0 to 93.999	A-
87.0 to 89.999	B+
84.0 to 86.999	B
80.0 to 83.999	B-
77.0 to 79.999	C+
74.0 to 76.999	C
70.0 to 73.999	C-
67.0 to 69.999	D+
64.0 to 66.999	D
60.0 to 63.999	D-
Below 60.0	F

VII. CLASS POLICIES

Attendance and Participation: Class will start promptly at 5:30 pm. Students are expected to attend all classes and arrive on time. Student arrivals after 5:40 pm will be considered late. Students are expected to be prepared for each class, complete and turn in all assignments, and contribute meaningfully each week's discussions. Each unexcused absence or late arrival will result in a loss of 1 point from the student's overall grade. If a student cannot attend a class, they should notify Dr. Castro ahead of time. Students should notify Dr. Castro as soon as possible after a documented, unforeseen emergency that has caused them to miss class with no prior notice. If a student has a documented, unforeseen emergency that affects their attendance in this course, they should be prepared to approach Dr. Castro about it with official documentation of the unforeseen emergency. In the case of an absence due to a documented and unforeseen emergency, Dr. Castro will assist the student in getting caught up with the missed class. Lastly, **please refrain from engaging in side conversations during lecture.**

Course Assignments: Almost every week, students will turn in a written homework assignment. The purpose of these assignments is to provide students with opportunities for hands on practice with CBT skills and to gain insight learning CBT skills from the perspective of a client. Students will receive specific instructions for each assignment before the end of class in the week before the assignment is due. Major written assignments are more in-depth opportunities for the student to demonstrate their ability to understand and apply course concepts. Major written assignments will be due at the beginning of class on October 3 and December 5.

Only hard copies of written assignments will be accepted, and must be turned in at the beginning of class on the day that it is due. No late homework assignments will be accepted under any circumstances. Late major assignments will be not be accepted except in the circumstance of a *documented, unforeseen emergency* that has caused the student to miss class and occurs on the day the assignment is due. In this case, the student should be prepared to approach Dr. Castro with official documentation of the unforeseen emergency. If a student is aware of any other

situation that will cause them to be unable to turn in a paper copy of an assignment at the beginning of class on the day that it is due, they should plan to submit the assignment early and notify Dr. Castro of their intent to do so.

Electronic Devices in the Classroom: Students' use of computers and smartphones is strictly prohibited except when explicitly allowed by Dr. Castro for the purposes of instruction. Electronic devices may not remain open and idle or be used for note-taking. The use of laptops or smartphones for other purposes (e.g., instant messaging, video chat, playing games, internet browsing, etc.), except as explicitly authorized by Dr. Castro constitutes unprofessional behavior. Students using laptops, smartphones, or other electronic devices during class will be dismissed from class and this dismissal will constitute an unexcused absence. Students must turn mobile phones to silent when they enter the classroom. Phones must be completely silent. Placing phones on vibrate is not acceptable.

Use of Canvas Web Site: Web-based, password-protected class sites using Canvas software are available for all accredited courses taught at The University of Texas. Syllabi, handouts, assignments and other resources are types of information that may be available within these sites. Site activities could include exchanging email, engaging in class discussions and chats, and exchanging files. In addition, class e-mail rosters will be a component of the sites. Students who do not want their names included in these electronic class rosters must restrict their directory information in the Office of the Registrar, Main Building, Room 1. For information on restricting directory information see: <http://www.utexas.edu/student/registrar/catalogs/gi00-01/app/appc09.html>. This class will utilize Canvas for distribution of class readings and any other written or presentation materials, and recording of student grades.

VIII. UNIVERSITY POLICIES

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HONOR CODE. The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the university is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND CIVILITY IN THE CLASSROOM. The professor expects students to act as professionals in class. This means students should arrive on time for class, be prepared to participate in the class discussion, and show respect for one another's opinions. A course brings together a group of diverse individuals with various backgrounds. Students are influenced and shaped by such factors as ethnicity, gender, sex, physical abilities, religious and political beliefs, national origins, and sexual orientations, among others. We expect to learn from each other in an atmosphere of positive engagement and mutual respect. Social Work also deals with complex and controversial issues. These issues may be challenging and uncomfortable, and it would be impossible to offer a substantive classroom experience that did not include potentially difficult conversations relating to challenging issues. In this environment we will be exposed to diverse ideas and opinions, and sometimes we will not agree with the ideas expressed by others. Nevertheless, the professor requires that students engage one another with civility, respect, and professionalism.

UNANTICIPATED DISTRESS. Students may experience unexpected and/or distressing reactions to course readings, videos, conversations, and assignments. If so, students are encouraged to inform the professor. The professor can be responsive and supportive regarding students' participation in course assignments and activities, but students are responsible for communicating clearly what kind of support is desired. If counseling is needed, students may contact a service provider of their choosing, including the UT Counseling Center at 512-471-3515 or online at <https://cmhc.utexas.edu/>.

POLICY ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION. Public social networks are not private. Even when open only to approved or invited members, users cannot be certain that privacy will exist among the general membership of sites. If social work students choose to participate in such forums, please assume that anything posted can be seen, read, and critiqued. What is said, posted, linked to, commented on, uploaded, subscribed to, etc., can be accessed and archived, posing potential harm to professional reputations and prospective careers.

Social work students who use social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and other forms of electronic communication (i.e. blogs, etc.) must be mindful of how their communication may be perceived by clients, colleagues, faculty, and others. Social work students are expected to make every effort to minimize material which could be considered inappropriate for a professional social worker in training. Because of this, social work students are advised to manage security settings at their most private levels and avoid posting information/photos or using any language that could jeopardize their professional image.

Students are asked to consider the amount of personal information posted on these sites and are obliged to block any client access to involvement in the students' social networks. Client material should not be referred to in any form of electronic media, including *any* information that might lead to the identification of a client or compromise client confidentiality in *any* way. Additionally, students must critically evaluate any material that is posted regarding community agencies and professional relationships, as certain material could violate the standards set by the Steve Hicks School of Social Work, the Texas Code of Conduct for Social Workers, and/or the NASW Code of Ethics.

Social work students should consider that they will be representing professional social work practice as well as The University of Texas at Austin Steve Hicks School of Social Work program while in the classroom, the university community, and the broader area communities.

POLICY ON SCHOLASTIC DISHONESTY. Students who violate University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and/or dismissal from the University. Since such dishonesty harms the individual, all students, and the integrity of the University, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced. For further information, the student may refer to the Web Site of the Student Judicial Services, Office of the Dean of Students: <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/>.

USE OF COURSE MATERIALS. The materials used in this course, including, but not limited to exams, quizzes, and homework assignments, are copyright protected works. Any unauthorized duplication of the course materials is a violation of federal law and may result in disciplinary action being taken against the student. Additionally, the sharing of course materials without the

specific, express approval of the professor may be a violation of the University's Student Honor Code and an act of academic dishonesty, which could result in further disciplinary action. This sharing includes, among other things, uploading class materials to websites for the purpose of distributing those materials to other current or future students.

DOCUMENTED DISABILITY STATEMENT. Any student who requires special accommodations must obtain a letter that documents the disability from the Services for Students with Disabilities area of the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement (471- 6259 voice or 471-4641 TTY for users who are deaf or hard of hearing). A student should present the letter to the professor at the beginning of the semester so that needed accommodations can be discussed and followed. The student should remind the professor of any testing accommodations no later than five business days before an exam. For more information, visit: <http://diversity.utexas.edu/disability/>.

CAMPUS CARRY. Information on The University's policy on concealed firearms (Campus Carry) may be found here: <https://campuscarry.utexas.edu/>

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS. By UT Austin policy, students must notify the professor of a pending absence at least fourteen days prior to the date of observance of a religious holy day. If the student must miss a class, examination, work assignment, or project in order to observe a religious holy day, the professor will give the student an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence.

TITLE IX REPORTING. In accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, The University of Texas at Austin is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from discriminatory conduct based on gender. Faculty, instructors, agency-based field instructors, staff, and/or teaching assistants in their supervisory roles are mandated reporters of incidents of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence, or sexual misconduct. Students who report such incidents will be informed of University resources. Incidents will be reported to the University's Title IX Coordinator and/or the Title IX Liaison for the SHSSW, Professor Tanya Voss. Students, faculty and staff may contact Professor Voss to report incidents or to obtain information. Further information, including student resources related to Title IX, may also be found at <http://socialwork.utexas.edu/dl/files/academic-programs/other/qrg-sexualharassment.pdf>.

CLASSROOM CONFIDENTIALITY. Information shared in class about agencies, clients, and personal matters is considered confidential per the NASW Code of Ethics on educational supervision and is protected by regulations of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as well. As such, sharing this information with individuals outside of the educational context is not permitted. Violations of confidentiality could result in actions taken according to the policies and procedure for review of academic performance located in sections 3.0, 3.1, and 3.2 of the Standards for Social Work Education.

USE OF E-MAIL FOR OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO STUDENTS. Email is recognized as an official mode of university correspondence; therefore, students are responsible for reading their email for university and course-related information and announcements.

Students are responsible for keeping the university informed about a change of e-mail address. Students should check their e-mail regularly and frequently—daily, but at minimum twice a week—to stay current with university-related communications, some of which may be time-sensitive. Students can find UT Austin’s policies and instructions for updating their e-mail address at <http://www.utexas.edu/its/policies/emailnotify.php>.

SAFETY. As part of professional social work education, students may have assignments that involve working in agency settings and/or the community. As such, these assignments may present some risks. Sound choices and caution may lower risks inherent to the profession. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of and adhere to policies and practices related to agency and/or community safety. Students should notify the professor regarding any safety concerns.

BEHAVIOR CONCERNS ADVICE LINE (BCAL). If students are worried about someone who is acting differently, they may use the Behavior Concerns Advice Line to discuss by phone their concerns about another individual’s behavior. This service is provided through a partnership between the Office of the Dean of Students, the Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC), the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), and The University of Texas Police Department (UTPD). Call 512-232-5050 or visit <http://www.utexas.edu/safety/bcal>.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION POLICY. Occupants of buildings on the UT Austin campus are required to evacuate and assemble outside when a fire alarm is activated or an announcement is made. Please be aware of the following policies regarding evacuation:

- Familiarize yourself with all exit doors in the classroom and the building. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when entering the building.
- If you require assistance to evacuate, inform the professor in writing during the first week of class.
- In the event of an evacuation, follow the professor’s instructions.
- Do not re-enter a building unless you are given instructions by the Austin Fire Department, the UT Austin Police Department, or the Fire Prevention Services office.

IX. COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Topics	Readings/Assignments Due
8/29	Introductions and syllabus review What is CBT?	Beck Ch 1 (optional)
9/5	Major theories in CBT	Beck Ch 3 Persons Ch 3 <i>Homework 1</i>
9/12	Foundational therapeutic skills	Beck Ch 2 Young & Beck, 1980 Ryan & Deci 2008 <i>Homework 2</i>
9/19	The evaluation session	Beck Ch 4 Bruchmuller 2011 Nakash 2015 <i>Homework 3</i>
9/26	Case formulation	Beck Ch 19 <i>Homework 4</i>
10/3	The first therapy session	Beck Ch 5 Holm-Denoma et al., 2008 <i>Script: "Explaining CBT"</i>
10/10	Structure of subsequent sessions	Beck Ch 7, 8 Graham et al., 2013 <i>Homework 5</i>
10/17	Explaining and eliciting automatic thoughts	Beck Ch 9, 10 <i>Homework 6</i>
10/24	Examining the evidence	Beck Ch 11, 12 <i>Homework 7</i>
10/31	Restructuring thoughts	Beck Ch 13, 14 <i>Homework 8</i>
11/7	Behavioral techniques	TBD <i>Homework 9</i>
11/14	Behavioral techniques	TBD <i>Homework 10</i>
11/21	Thanksgiving Holiday	No Class!
11/28	Behavioral techniques	TBD
12/5	Progress monitoring and termination	Beck Ch 21 Jakobsons et al., 2007 <i>Case Formulation Write Up</i>

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