

Psychology
Course Syllabus
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Psychology is a social studies course that explores human behavior and mental processes. It is a social science, and therefore includes lively debate, discussion, ongoing research, and is linked to the other social sciences. This course is meant a broad survey in modern psychology, theories, research, and practices. Students will be asked to describe, understand, apply, and evaluate each aforementioned component of Psychology.

Course Objectives: By the end of this course students will be able to...

1. Analyze the historical roots of psychology to better understand the science's evolution.
2. Evaluate each of the common perspectives and approaches adopted by psychologists.
3. Conduct research according to an established, and sound, scientific model.
4. Describe the biological components of the human mind.
5. Apply the findings of psychological research in memory and learning in order to become more effective lifelong learners.

Materials and Resources:

Textbooks: TBD

Notebook – Each student is **required** to maintain a dedicated notebook for the entirety of the course.

Evaluation and Grading:

Students' success will be determined by the following:

1. Test Scores
2. In-class assignments and participation
3. Quizzes
4. Classwork/Homework Assignments**
5. Group and Individual Projects

**Note: A limited number of extra credit assignments will be available during the year, but not a significant enough amount to change a student's grade more than 5%. Students with 2 or more "zero's" in the grade book are not eligible for extra credit.

ALL HOMEWORK IS DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CLASS. ANY UNEXCUSED LATE WORK WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF ANY OR ALL POINTS POSSIBLE FOR THAT ASSIGNMENT.

Academic Honesty:

All work turned in to the instructor must be the work of that student and/or group. Any materials used outside of class must be cited. Students that violate this, or the school's policy (found in the student handbook), will automatically be awarded a zero for that assignment. Remember, any grade is better than a zero.

Absences:

Unexcused: No make-up work or exams will be given for unexcused absences.

Excused:

Unplanned absences: Incomplete work as a result of an excused absence should be completed and turned in as soon as possible to ensure that the student's grade is accurately updated in the grade-book. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT HE OR SHE MAKES UP THE WORK.

Planned absences: If a student knows that he/she will miss class on a future date, it is that student's responsibility to notify the teacher and make arrangements to receive assignments in advance.

PROCEDURES, EXPECTATIONS AND RULES

Classroom Procedures:

1. When class begins, quietly begin working on the question, quote, or other activity presented on the whiteboard or screen.
2. You should remain in your seat during instruction unless specified by the instructor.
3. Restroom breaks should be taken before class or during designated breaks. In all other situations restroom passes will be granted at the teacher's discretion based on time, instructional activity, etc.
4. Any other administrative tasks such as pencil sharpening, throwing away trash, etc., should be done **before or after class**, unless otherwise specified by the instructor.
5. All electronic devices should be stored out of sight immediately after students take their seats.

Expectations:

1. Students are expected to be courteous and respectful to one another, as well as the teacher.
2. Every student is required to participate in classroom exercises and turn all work completed.
3. Asking appropriate and challenging questions is highly encouraged.
4. Every student must arrive in class prepared with the tools of their trade (laptop, paper, pencil, book, etc.).
5. Remember, you are being prepared for the adult world. A mature and professional attitude is therefore required.

Rules:

1. When the instructor, or a designated student, is addressing the class you are showing them the proper respect by being a good listener. You will be granted this same courtesy.
2. You may bring something to eat or drink to class. but students are required to clean up all spills, trash etc., or this privilege may be quickly revoked.
3. No cheating will be tolerated in any form. I need to know what YOU know.
4. All trash must be disposed of properly and the desks straightened before anyone leaves the room.
5. While in class, every teacher must be referred to as Mister, Miss, Coach, or Misses. This is a habit to help prepare you for the professional world.

* Note: These rules, expectations, and procedures are not all inclusive. Rules and procedures may be changed when necessary at the teacher's discretion. All school and district rules and procedures also apply.

I certify that I have fully read the classroom syllabus and understand what is required of me, or my student, in this class.

(Student Signature)

(Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)