
Psychology/ Sociology Honors

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Prerequisite:

- Be in compliance with the [SSD Honors and AP Criteria Policy](#)

In this course, students will become acquainted with a variety of theoretical perspectives and explanations for various behaviors and outcomes. In addition, students will be introduced to research techniques utilized in the study of behavior and mental processes. Topics covered include structure and function of the brain, development across the lifetime, sensation/perception, consciousness, learning, memory, cognition, motivation, emotions, and stress, the development of personality, the psychological disorders and their treatments, as well as social psychology.

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Year-at-a-glance

Subject: Psychology/Sociology	Grade Level: 12th Grade	Date Completed: 1/21/2017
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1st Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
What is Psychology?	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 1 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Biology and Psychology	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 2 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Development Through the Lifespan	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 3 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I

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Sensation and Perception	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 4 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Consciousness	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 5 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I

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2nd Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
Learning	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 6 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Memory	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 7 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Cognition and Language	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 8 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I

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Intelligence and Creativity	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 8 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Motivation and Emotion	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 8 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I

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3rd Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
Personality	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 8 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Gender and Sexuality	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 8 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Stress, Health, and Adjustment	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 14 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I

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Psychological Disorders	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 14 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Methods of Therapy	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 15 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Research Paper, 8-10 pages Varied Topics	Topic related books, websites, and journals. Will vary based on topic.	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I

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4th Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
Social Psychology	Approved Textbook- <i>Psychology: Concepts and Connections</i>, Chapter 16 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Sociology	Approved Textbook- <i>Modern Sociology</i> Chapters, 1,2,3,5,6, and 8 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Review and Final Exam		

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General Topic	Academic Standard(s)	Essential Knowledge, Skills & Vocabulary	Resources & Activities	Assessments	Suggested Time
What is Psychology?	CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. General Introduction 1. History 2. How Behavioral and Mental Processes are Studied 3. Scientific Method 4. Ethical Issues 5. Statistical Methods	Text Teacher Made Worksheet	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	4 days
Biology and Psychology	CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.5.11-12.G cc.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Heredity-review basic concepts B. Nervous Systems 1. Peripheral 2. Central C. Neurotransmitters D. The Brain Structure/Function E. Endocrine System	Text Overhead Projector Model of the Brain Flow Chart Transparencies Article “Evolutionary Psychology” Article “The Incredible Expanding Adventures of the X Chromosome”	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	7 days

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Development Through the Lifespan	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.F CC.8.5.11-12.G CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.C CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Prenatal Development B. Childhood 1. Skills area- motor, language, cognitive, social, and moral 2. Parenting Styles C. Adolescence 1. Skills area- cognitive, social, moral, and physical D. Adulthood 1. Skills area, physical, cognitive, and social 2. Aging 3. Death, dying, and the grief process	Text Projector Computer Transparencies Nova PBS Video “Life’s greatest Miracle” Developmental check list Article “Reading Your Baby’s Mind” Article “What makes us Moral” Teacher Made worksheet Video: Frontline “Inside the Teenage Brain” Article “Nuns Offer Clues to Alzheimer’s and Aging” Article “Gray Hair and Wise Brains”	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	12 days
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Sensation and Perception	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.E CC.8.5.11-12.G CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.G CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Terms and Definitions B. Vision 1. Structure/Function 2. Color Vision/Color Blindness C. Visual Perception 1. Terms, Definitions, Examples 2. Motion 3. Depth Perception 4. Perceptual Constancies 5. Synesthesia D. Hearing 1. Terms and Definitions 2. Structure/Function 3. Locating Sound 4. Hearing Impairment/ Deafness E. Chemical Senses 1. Smell 2. Taste F. Skin Senses G. Kinesthetic and Vestibular Sense	Text Transparencies Overhead projector Computer Document Reader Websites giving examples of colorblindness Variety of books with visual examples Blind spot locaters Article "Everyday Fantasia: The World of Synesthesia" NIDCD Fact Sheet "Cochlear Implants" Article "What Happens When it Suddenly Goes Silent"	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	13 days
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Consciousness	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.F CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.G CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. What is it? B. Sleep and Dreams 1. Circadian rhythms 2. Stages of Sleep 3. Sleep Disorders C. Hypnosis, Meditation, and Feedback D. Altering Consciousness through Drugs 1. substance abuse vs. dependence 2. kinds a. depressants b. stimulants c. hallucinogenic drugs	Text Overhead projector and laptop Article "How Much Sleep Do I Need?" 60 Minutes: "Science of Sleep" Mindfulness exercise entitled Stress Kaiserpermanente.org University of Maryland Medical Center Study "Biofeedback"	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	7 days
Learning	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.A CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Classical Conditioning 1. Definitions 2. Applications in Daily Life B. Operant Conditioning 1. Definitions 2. Reinforcers a. Types b. Uses c. Schedules	Text Computer Overhead Projector Article "Intro to Learning Theory and Behavioral Psychology" Teacher made worksheets Graphic Organizer	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	10 days

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Memory	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.F CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.G CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Kinds of Memory B. Processes 1. Encoding 2. Storage 3. Retrieval C. Short Term vs. Long Term 1. Techniques for improving 2. How do you get there? 3. Eyewitness testimony	Text Overhead Projector Computer/Projector Activities to test memory Article “Making Connections” 60 Minutes Video “Super Autobiographical Memory” Brain Games: Memory Article “What Will Improve a Student’s Memory” Activities to Illustrate tips 60 Minutes Video	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	12 days
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Cognition and Language	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.A CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. What is Cognition? 1. What are concepts? 2. Problem Solving a. keys to understanding b. algorithm c. heuristics 1. means-end analysis 2. analogies d. hindrances to problem solving 1. learning to think outside the box 3. Decision Making: How does it work? a. heuristics b. framing C. overconfidence B. What is language? 1. characteristics 2. sequence of development 3. nature v. nurture a. Noam Chomsky and Long acquisition device	Text Overhead, Projector Puzzles p. 311 Supplemental examples from a variety of sources Teacher made worksheet Article "Framing Your Most Important and Least Recognized Daily Mental Activity" Examples of Characteristics Articles "Language and Thinking" Selection of articles related to encouraging language development in children Article "Speaking in Tones"	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	9 days
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Intelligence and Creativity	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.A CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Theories 1. Spearman 2. Thurston 3. Gardener 4. Sternberg B. Measuring Intelligence 1. Stanford-Binet 2. Wechsler 3. Comparing the two 4. Culture bias in testing 5. Factors effecting scores 6. Extremes in scores a. Intellectual deficiency b. Giftedness C. Creativity 1. Characteristics 2. Types of thinking a. convergent b. divergent D. Nature v. Nurture 1. Genetic 2. Environmental influences	Text, overhead, projector, computer Article "Multiple Intelligences" MI Checklist Worksheets on calculating scores with Stanford-Binet Online examples of culturally biased tests Article "Breaking the IQ Myth" Activities to demonstrate types of thinking Games: Tribond and Mindtrap	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	9 days
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Motivation and Emotion		A. Theories of Motivation 1. Evolutionary 2. Drive-Reduction 3. Humanistic B. Hunger 1. Influences on 2. Eating Disorders C. Aggression 1. Biology of 2. Psychological factors 3. Situational factors D. Emotion 1. Expression of 2. Facial feedback hypothesis 3. Theories of a. James-Lange b. Cannon-Bard c. Cognitive Appraisal	Text, overhead, projector, computer Article "The Ultimate Motivator" Brain Games "Human Emotion" Article "The Brain basis of Emotion" Article on intrinsic and extrinsic emotions	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	5 days
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Personality	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.A CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.C CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Psychodynamic Perspective 1. Freud and Psychosexual Development a. Structure of personality b. Defense mechanisms c. Stages 2. Other psychodynamic theorists a. Carl Jung b. Alfred Adler c. Karen Horney d. Erik Erikson B. Trait-Perspective C. Learning-Theory Perspectives 1. Behaviorism 2. Social cognitive theory D. Humanistic-Existential Perspective 1. Maslow 2. Rogers E. Sociocultural Perspective	Text, overhead, projector, computer Various Personality Tests Various websites that analyze results of personality tests and correlations(employment) Article “Personality and Academic Performance” Teacher made worksheets	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	9 days
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Gender and Sexuality	CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.5.11-12.G cc.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Gender Differences 1. Cognitive skills 2. Personality 3. Social behavior 4. Mate selection B. Gender Typing C. Sexual Motivation 1. Hormones 2. Orientation 3. Disorders	Text, overhead, projector, computer Article "On the Origin of Gender Roles" Teacher Made Worksheets	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	4 days
Stress, Health, and Adjustment		A. Stress 1. What is it? 2. Causes of 3. Effects on the body B. Health 1. Headaches 2. Coronary heart disease 3. cancer	Text, overhead, projector, computer Survey in Text , "How Stressed are You?" Article "Stress and Your Senses" Meditation Journal Teacher Made Worksheets	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	4 days

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Psychological Disorders	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.F CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.G CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. What are they? 1. Criteria 2. Classification DSM B. Types 1. anxiety disorders a. phobias b. panic disorders c. generalized anxiety d. obsessive compulsive e. sources of disorders 2. Dissociative Disorders a. Dissociative amnesia b. Dissociative identity disorder c. Dissociative fugue d. Sources of disorders 3. Somatoform disorders a. Conversion disorder b. Hypochondriasis c. Sources 4. Mood disorders a. Major depression b. Bipolar disorders c. Differences in reporting d. sources 5. schizophrenia a. characteristics b. types 1. paranoid 2. disorganized 3. catatonic	Text, overhead projector, computer Video "How Does Diagnosis Occur"? Teacher made worksheets Movie "Three Faces of Eve" Article regarding Dissociative Fugue Article "Hypochondria: The Impossible Illness" <u>Newsweek</u> article "Men and Depression" 60 Minutes: "Mr. Lopez and Mr. Ayers" Movie: A Beautiful Mind	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	17 days
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		c. sources 6. insanity plea			
Methods of Therapy	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. What is Psychotherapy? 1. Defined 2. Essential characteristics 3. History of therapy B. Psychodynamic Therapies 1. Freudian 2. Neo-Freudian C. Humanistic Therapies 1. Client centered 2. Gestalt D. Behavior Therapies E. Cognitive Therapies F. Group Therapies G. Biological Therapies	Text Overhead Informational sheet on Therapies from APA Article "10 Coolest Therapies"	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	8 days

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Social Psychology	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Attitudes 1. How we act; the relationship between attitude and behavior B. Social Perception 1.first impressions 2. attributions 3. body language C. Social Influence 1. Milgram studies 2. conformity 3. risky shift 4. group shift 5. mob mentality 6. bystander effect E. Environmental Psychology 1. effects of noise, heat, smells, and crowding	Text Overhead Projector Computer Teacher Made Worksheets Article: "Solomon Asch Experiment" "Zimbardo's Stanford Prison Experiment" Article "Avoiding Group Thinking"	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	12 days
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Sociology	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.A CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.C CC.8.6.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. What is it? B. Historical Perspective C. Key Terminology D. Cultural Conformity/ Adaptation 1. Norms and Roles 2. How do cultures change and what impedes change 3. Interaction of 1 and 2 E. Social Stratification 1. What is it? 2. What does it look like in various cultures? 3. Socioeconomic status and its implications in the U.S. a. Wealth, prestige, and power b. Poverty-definitions/effects F. Race and Ethnic Relations 1. Key terminology 2. Discrimination and prejudice 3. Patterns of minority treatment a. Cultural pluralism b. Assimilation c. Legal protection d. Segregation e. Subjugation f. Popular transfer g. Extermination G. Gender 1. Role of socialization in gender identity a. How it occurs in various cultures		Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	6 days
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		2. Social inequality based on gender H. Family 1. What is family? a. Residential patterns			
		b. Social descent patters I. Religion and Society 1. What is religion? 2. Functions of religion a. Social cohesion b. Social control c. Emotional support 3. Common characteristics a. Rituals and symbols b. Belief systems c. Organizational structures		Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	4 days
Final Exam Review		Cumulative review of content presented from September through exam.	Study Guide	District Approved Final	10 days