

# **General Psychology Syllabus**

## **WSU Tech Concurrent/Dual Credit**

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Room 223

### **Course Description**

This course provides an introduction to the scientific study of human thought, emotion, and behavior. Students will explore the major concepts, theories, and research findings in psychology, including biological foundations, sensation and perception, learning, memory, development, personality, psychological disorders, and social behavior. Emphasis is placed on understanding how psychological principles apply to everyday life and how research methods are used to investigate human behavior.

### **Course Topics & Objectives**

By the end of the Semester students should be able to do the following:

- Explain high level psychological concepts.
- Identify and describe the different subfields of psychology and the major pioneers who created them.
- Answer high level questions in complete thoughts and complete, well-thought out sentences.
- Develop a valid thesis statement in regards to a question about psychology.
- Support a thesis with factual information from primary and secondary documents.

### **Grading and Assignments**

Students will be expected to participate in individual assignments, lecture notes, group discussions, projects, presentations, quizzes, and exams. These are not optional and will be required to be successful in this class. Grades will be posted to Skyward, not Google Classroom, so check Skyward regularly.

90 - 100 = A  
80 - 89 = B  
70 - 79 = C  
60 - 69 = D  
59/below = F

### **Late work Policy**

Any work turned in after the due date will receive a 50% penalty. It can be turned in until the end of the chapter before the exam or project.

### **Google Classroom**

We will use Google Classroom and paper assignments in class. Please be prepared to utilize both.

### **Conduct Expectations**

Please be on time and ready to learn when class starts. Please take responsibility for your assigned work. In this class, we will respect each other, learn from each other, support each other, and ask questions. We will create a classroom *Social Contract* to hold each other accountable to help ensure we get the most out of our experience in this classroom.

### **Attendance Policy & Make-ups**

You are expected to attend every class. If you are absent from my class, it is *your* responsibility to discuss any missed work. Ask your classmates what you missed, ask me in person, or please feel free to contact me via email at [tnewcomer@goddardusd.com](mailto:tnewcomer@goddardusd.com).

### **Academic Integrity**

Academic dishonesty through cheating, copying, forging the signature of a teacher and/or parent, plagiarizing, altering records, or assisting another in such actions will not be tolerated. Violations of this rule will result in a zero and disciplinary action.

## **2025-2026 Classroom Policies and Procedures**

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| <b>Required Materials</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You must come to class with the following<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Charged Chromebook</li><li>○ Pencil</li><li>○ Notebook</li></ul></li><li>• As you enter class, check the table for any documents or materials. Be seated before the bell rings.</li></ul> |
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| <b>Cell Phones &amp; Headphones</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students will be expected to put their phone into the wall pouches at the start of class where it will remain until the end of class. You must wait until the bell rings, or until I tell you to retrieve your phone.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Restroom</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must ask me, then sign out and take a hall pass when you leave the classroom.</li> <li>• Be sure to sign back in when you return.</li> </ul>                                                                                     |
| <b>Food and Drink</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You may eat a small snack during class unless it becomes a disruption. Do not leave trash or crumbs in this room.</li> </ul>                                                                                                         |
| <b>Entering class late/tardy</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entering class any time after the bell rings will result in a tardy.</li> <li>• Enter quietly and be sure not to disrupt class.</li> </ul>                                                                                           |
| <b>If you're going to be absent</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform me via email or in person.</li> <li>• It is your responsibility to ask for the work you will miss and make it up in a timely manner</li> </ul> <p>*Note this must be done <u>prior</u> to the absence</p>                     |
| <b>End of each class period</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean up your area (trash, food/drink, supplies, etc.)</li> <li>• Stay seated until the bell rings, then retrieve your phone.</li> </ul>                                                                                             |

**\*\*\*WSU Tech Credit:**

***This class is available for concurrent credit through WSU Tech. You must be in 10th grade or above. The requirements for enrollment will be elaborated upon further in the coming week.***

*I confirm that I have read, understood and agreed to the above policies and procedure for General Psychology*

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**Student Signature and Date**