

## Psychology Syllabus

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**Description:** This is a year-long survey course introducing students to the fascinating world of Psychology. We will have a textbook, but will also take notes, do simulations and experiments, write essays, hold classroom discussions, peer teach, watch films, and create a variety of projects.

**Textbook:** Thinking about Psychology: The Science of Mind and Behavior, 3rd Edition.

**Basic Requirements:** This class requires a great deal of participation. There will be required daily note taking, research, in-class activities, and other written work. Preparation outside of class will be necessary in the form of reading and completing other assignments and projects; however, there will be some class time allocated for these assignments, too.

**Assessments:** There will be chapter tests/quizzes, essays, presentations, and other non-traditional assessments like creating hands-on projects.

**Learning Targets:** The students will understand and make connections among topics that may include but are not limited to: History of Psychology, The brain, Memory and Learning, Developmental Psychology, Social Psychology, Sensation and Perception, Consciousness, Clinical/Abnormal Psychology.

### **Behavioral Expectations:**

- 1. Come Prepared.** This means bring your notebook and folder to each class session, pen or pencil, be ready to learn and BE ON TIME!
- 2. No Food or drinks in class.** Gum and water are okay, but if mess becomes a problem you will lose the privilege.
- 3. Turn work in on time.** You have until 3:30 on the day an assignment is due to turn it in. If you have a problem, see me **BEFORE** the due date, not the day it's due. **Please note:** if a student has a learning accommodation regarding due dates, it will be followed.
- 4. There are no test retakes. Please Note:** if a student has a learning accommodation regarding test retakes, it will be followed.
- 5. Be respectful of others in listening and working.**
- 6. No headphones and No texting. Set all cell phones to silent. We will be following the school's cell phone policy.**
- 7. Challenge yourself.** You will only get out of this class what you put into it. Make it your best effort.

## **Grades**

90% and above **A**

80%-89% **B**

70%-79% **C**

60-69% **D**

59% and below **F**