



Intro to Psychology Syllabus

Grand Haven High School



Course Number: C74

Grade Level: 10-12

Credits : 1/2 Credit

Prerequisite Courses : None

Course Description

This semester-long course is for anyone who is interested in learning what the field of psychology is about. This class will cover a broad range of topics that make up the present day study of psychology. Topics will include: Biology and the Brain, Learning and Memory, Personality Theories, Development, Motivation and Emotion, Stress & Health, and Psychological Disorders and Methods of Therapy. This course is a terrific precursor to A.P. Psychology or a great overview of the field for someone who is interested but not yet ready to jump into a yearlong course.

Course Objectives

Students will develop and improve their skills and knowledge in the following areas:

- Critical thinking skills.
- Critical reading skills.
- Public speaking.
- Career opportunities within Psychology.
- Core concepts and theories of psychology.
- Key terms within Psychology
- Compare & contrast major theories in psychology.
- Basic skills of psychological research.
- Psychological principles
- Ethical standards governing the work of psychologists.

Student Expectations

The following expectations provide students with the best opportunity to enhance their skills and understanding:

- Engage and participate in class discussions.
- Come to class prepared with all homework assignments completed.
- Take ownership of learning.
- Give best effort.
- Arrive to class on time with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn.
- Respect classmates, teachers, self, and the classroom.

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Communication

Communication with both parents and students will occur through a combination of the following:

- In class oral and written instructions.
- Google Classroom.
- Email.
- Parent VUE / Student VUE allows students and parents to view academic progress.

Grading Policy

The combination of the following categories will be used to calculate student grades:

- 80% of the semester grade is composed of essays, tests, projects, and simulations (Summative Assessments).
- 20% of the semester grade is composed of in-class assignments, participation, quizzes, and homework (Formative Assessments).
- The final exam will be comprehensive and will count for 20% of the overall semester grade.

Scope and Sequence

- Careers in Psychology
- Psychology Perspectives
- Methods of Psychology
- Nervous System
- Body Systems
- Brain
- Nature vs Nurture
- Psychological Disorders
- Diagnosing Psychological Disorders
- Treatment of Psychological Disorders
- Forms of Consciousness
- Classical & Operant Conditioning
- Learning
- Intelligence
- Personality
- Final Exam

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