

PSYCHOLOGY  
GRADES 11 & 12  
(1 Semester)

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. In this one-semester course, students participate in a variety of learning activities, many of which are hands-on, cooperative or interactive. Construct a brain, determine what your dreams mean, learn how to get rid of those nasty habits, discover the difference between schizophrenia and multiple personality disorder, figure out if opposites attract, and much, much, more. These are just some of the fascinating topics covered in the Introductory Psychology course, a brief survey of what psychology has to offer.

UNITS OF INSTRUCTION:\*

- UNIT I - Introduction and Research Methods
- UNIT II - The Biological Bases of Behavior
- UNIT III - Learning
- UNIT IV - Memory
- UNIT V - Social Influences on Behavior
- UNIT VI - Motivation and Emotion
- UNIT VII - Human Development
- UNIT VII - Consciousness
- UNIT IX - Health, Stress, and Coping
- UNIT X - Psychological Disorders

\*Some Units May Not Be Completed Each Semester

COURSE OUTCOMES:

1. Develop a better understanding of the scientific nature of psychology (18B).
2. Develop an understanding of various approaches and areas in the study of behavior and mental
3. processes (18C)
4. Develop an awareness of career opportunities in the field of psychology.

5.	Practice and apply critical thinking skills in the context of psychology (18B).
6.	Gain skill in analyzing data critically (18B).
7.	Develop a tolerance for diverse opinions and experiences (18C).

MAJOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES TO ACHIEVE OUTCOMES:

1.	Build a model of the brain
2.	Participate in the classical conditioning demonstration
3.	Participate in hypothesis testing
4.	Complete a personal development history project
5.	Participate in discussions over various social psychology issues, including prejudice, conformity, discrimination, and stereotyping.
6.	Complete a Psychology Awareness Week poster project
7.	Complete a history of psychology poster

ADOPTED TEXT OR PRINCIPAL MATERIALS USED:

Hockenbury, D. & Hockenbury, S.. <i>Discovering Psychology</i> . (2 <sup>nd</sup> ed.). Worth, 2000. (adopted 2000)
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