

AP PSYCHOLOGY COURSE SYLLABUS—WELCOME!

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THE COURSE

This is a year long elective course in the study of Psychology. The course introduces 11th and 12th grade students to a systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Study the major core concepts and theories of psychology.
- Learn the basic skills of psychological research and be able to apply psychological concepts to their own lives.
- Develop critical thinking skills.
- Gain insight into human behavior and into one's own personality or personal relationships.
- Explore the ways that psychological theories are used to describe, understand, predict, and modify behavior.
- Explore careers associated with psychology.
- Improve coping strategies for dealing with everyday relationships and problems.

TEXTBOOK

Myers, David G. Psychology, 9th edition

COURSE OUTLINE

Spring Semester:

- Neurobiology
- Consciousness
- Human Diversity
- Development
- Sensation & Perception
- Learning

MY COMMITMENT TO YOU

- I will respect you as a person and an individual.
- I will do my best to make this course interesting for you.
- I believe everyone can learn, and I will do everything I can to make sure everyone learns in my class.
- I will give you my help, as long as you want it.

WHAT I ASK OF YOU

- You will take responsibility for your own education and success in this class.
- You will allow me to teach, and you will allow your classmates to learn.
- You will give me, your classmates, and the lesson or task your full attention.
- You will come prepared to class with notebook, paper, pen or pencil, and an open mind.

RULES

- Listen carefully when others are talking, and treat others with RESPECT.
- Raise your hand when you want to speak or need help.
- Follow directions and procedures carefully.

GRADING

- You will be graded on effort, participation, assignments, tests, individual and group projects.
- Grades will be posted in class and available on Aeries grades.
- Your grade will be based on the percentage of possible points using the following scale:

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

CLASSROOM POLICIES

- When you are tardy, you will lose participation points from the current grading period.
- Electronic devices of any kind are not allowed in class and should therefore be out of sight at all times, unless I state that you may have them out.
- Make-up work must be done within a week of an excused absence for full credit. Making up work is your responsibility.
- Late work will be accepted, but only within 2 weeks of the assignment. This work will be graded down a full grade (for example, if you received an A for a late assignment, it will be knocked down to a B).
- Communication: I am a big believer in open communication, so please feel free to come to me any time with questions.
- If you have a problem, please try to work out any concerns you have with me directly. If your parents need to communicate a concern to me, they are welcome to email me.
- Movies: Once in a while we will watch a curriculum related movie that may involve mature content. A parent signature on this syllabus gives permission to watch such movies.
- Mature Subjects: The study of psychology sometimes involves mature subjects, including sexuality. A parent signature on this syllabus gives permission to read about and discuss such subjects.

I have read and understand Mrs. Gibb's Psychology syllabus for the 2017 spring semester.

NAME (PRINT) _____ STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____