

Psychology  
Course #212  
Mr. O'Brien  
Room #114

**Psychology** is the scientific study of mental processes and behavior. This course will cover aspects of psychology from biological based behavior to sensation and perception; from the mind and consciousness to memory and cognitive process; from intelligence to motivation; from human personality to psychological disorder; from human development to learning and behavior analysis.

### Expectations

Come prepared, work hard, be respectful, be responsible. Any questions?

### Grading

A	94	C	74
A-	90	C-	70
B+	87	D+	67
B	84	D	64
B-	80	D-	60
C+	78	NC	Unacceptable

- 80% of grade- Concepts, Application, and Analysis
  - This includes the ability to identify and differentiate concepts, the ability to make personal connections between course concepts and everyday life, the ability to use critical thinking to further understanding and comprehension of course content.
- 20% of grade- Work Habits
  - This includes homework being turned in on assigned date, respectful and active class participation.
  - I will accept late assignments, but it will affect your grade!
  - In the past year I have had a number of students finish below their expectations because of late assignments. If you miss class it is **your** responsibility to find out what you missed.
- Expect homework on a regular basis. Students are responsible for checking with me to get makeup work.
- Grades will be updated and posted on a regular basis.
- Thoughtful class participation is expected and can make the difference between an 'A' and an 'A-'.
- Cheating is unacceptable and will earn a zero. School policy will be enforced.

### Rules

- All school policies and procedures will be followed.
- No food, pop, energy drinks, etc. in the classroom. Water is fine.
- Absolutely no cell phones, no exceptions.
- Passes are required in the hallways at all times.

Lastly, if there are any questions, don't be afraid to ask. I am usually available before or after school and my semester schedule is posted outside my room and on my website. Also, this is the first time this course is being offered and we will be learning together.

## The Game Plan

- Week 1- Approaches to Psychology: Introduction and Methods
- Week 2- The Workings of the Mind and Body: Body and Behavior
- Week 3- The Workings of the Mind and Body: Altered States of Conscience
- Week 4- The Workings of the Mind and Body: Sensation and Perception
- Week 5- Learning and Cognitive Processes: Principles and Application
- Week 6- Learning and Cognitive Processes: Memory & Thought; Thinking & Language
- Week 7- Learning and Cognitive Processes: Motivation and Emotion
- Week 8- Personality and Individuality: Psychological Testing
- Week 9- Personality and Individuality: Theories of Personality
- Week 10- Psychological Survey Project
- Week 11- Flex Week: Optional Projects and Study
- Week 12- Personality and Individuality
- Week 13- Adjustment and Breakdown: Stress and Health
- Week 14- Adjustment and Breakdown: Psychological Disorders
- Week 15- Adjustment and Breakdown: Therapy and Change
- Week 16- Social Psychology: Individual Interaction
- Week 17- Social Psychology: Group Interaction
- Week 18- Social Psychology: Attitudes and Social Influence
- Week 19- Review and Final