

Introduction to Psychology

Grades: 10th – 12th
Day of Week: Wednesday
Time of Class: 11:00 pm – 12:30 pm ET

Length of Class: 20 weeks
Semester: Fall 2022 and Winter 2023
Tuition: \$400.00

Class Dates:

Week 1 – Week of August 29
Week 2 – Week of September 5
Week 3 – Week of September 12
Week 4 – Week of September 19

Mid-Semester Break – Jewish High Holidays

Note: ALL the Jewish Holidays fall during the week this year and the way they hit there is an extra-long mid-semester break. Teachers will be giving a long-term project for students to work on during this time.

Week 5 – Week of October 24
Week 6 – Week of October 31
Week 7 – Week of November 6
Week 8 – Week of November 14
Week 9 – Week of November 28
Week 10 – Week of December 5
Make-Up Week – Week of December 12

Winter Break

Week 11 – Week of January 9
Week 12 – Week of January 16
Week 13 – Week of January 23
Week 14 – Week of January 30
Week 15 – Week of February 6
Week 16 – Week of February 13

Mid Semester Break: Week of February 20 – President's Day

Week 17 – Week of February 27
Week 18 – Week of March 6
Week 19 – Week of March 13
Week 20 – Week of March 20
Make Up Week – Week of March 27

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Description of Class:

Welcome to Psych 101!

This class will introduce the student to all the main concepts in psychology. Students will explore theories and think critically about all the psychological processes that contribute to human behavior. This class will cover all topics included in the AP Psych Exam. Please check with your local school district or AP exam coordinator if interested in taking the exam in the spring.

Class Approach:

This class will be lecture and discussion based. Students will be encouraged to think critically and participate in discussion of topics. Students will have to opportunity to analyze case studies and come up with a diagnosis for each. They will also develop a presentation on the psychological disorder they've chosen.

Goals:

Student will display considerable understanding in the following areas:

- Foundation of Psychology
- Scientific Methods in Psychology
- Biopsychology
- Sensation and Perception
- Learning
- Cognitive Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Motivation and Emotion
- Personality
- Clinical Psychology
- Social Psychology

Textbook:

Psychology (12th ed.) David G Myers and C. Nathan DeWall

Just the textbook is recommended, not the entire LaunchPad. If you need assistance finding it at a reasonable price please contact me.

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

- Webcam
- Printer
- Pen/Pencil
- Notebook

Requirements:

Students will be required to participate in class discussions. Taking notes will be encouraged. Students will be required to complete all assignments in a timely manner.

Weekly Homework:

Approximately 2 - 3 hours outside of class should be expected weekly for assignments and studying.

Homework Policy:

All homework assignments will be due prior to the next class. If a student needs additional help or time, please feel free to contact me.

Evaluation:

Quizzes to check for understanding of concepts – Total of 20%

Study guide to be completed throughout the course -10%

Mid-Term Test – 20%

Final – 20%

Case Studies – 10%

Presentation on Psychological Disorder– 10%

Paper on chosen topic – 10%

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

Week	Topic
Week 1	What is Psychology? Scientific Foundations of Psychology
Week 2	Research Design; Statistical Reasoning
Week 3	Biological Basis of Psychology
Week 4	Biological Basis of Psychology (cont.)
Week 5	Sensation and Perception
Week 6	Intro to Learning Theory: Classical and Operant Conditioning
Week 7	Memory and Intelligence
Week 8	Intelligence (cont.);
Week 9	Lifespan Development: Prenatal through Childhood
Week 10	Lifespan Development: Adolescence through Adulthood

Week 11	Basic Motivational Concepts
Week 12	Emotion and Stress
Week 13	Personality Theories
Week 14	Personality Theories (cont.)
Week 15	Social Psychology
Week 16	Social Psychology (cont.)
Week 17	Intro to Clinical Psychology
Week 18	Psychological Disorders
Week 19	Classifying Psychopathology (Using the DSM-V)
Week 20	Psychotherapies
