

Psychology
Coach Martin
Room: 325

Welcome to Psychology. The class will be an introduction to psychology and hopefully give you the ground work for your college psychology classes. It is a study of human nature. We shall cover things that will make you think and wonder Why! Here is what we will attempt to cover:

“Putting it into Perspective”

Sets the stage for our human drama where we will meet the major players of psychology and visit various schools where they started. We will shift to various theories of evolution (science and behaviors).

“Wake Up and Smell the Coffee”

We'll explore how we make sense of the world, starting with our ability to touch, taste, hear, see and smell. We'll investigate how information from the world around us becomes grist for our psychic mills, and how we raise our consciousness and all the ways we alter it. We will also look at learning and memory.

“The Forces Are with You”

Unleashes the forces that drive human behavior. We'll look at motives, drives, emotions, and all the other things that rouse us to action. We'll look at our hunger and sex drives, in depth, and then switch gears to examine the power of language to shape our lives. We'll wind up with an exploration of stress.

“Self and Otherness”

We'll cover all the characteristics that make each person unique, starting with the formation of our identity and ending with our individual brand of psychic self-defense. We'll explore intelligence, personality development, and the difference between quirky personality traits and mental illness.

“Just What is Normal, Anyway?”

We'll take a close look at the pros and cons of psychological diagnoses, why we have them, and who decides what they are. The rest dissects the major psychological disorders, examines available treatments, and ends with the bottom line on self-improvement.

“Can't We All Just Get Along?”

We will address all the good, bad and ugly ways our interpersonal relationships influence us. Starting with peer pressure and conformity, we'll explore just how far most of us will follow the leader, why nonconformists are hard to find, and why some loves last forever.

Projects: There will be two or three projects throughout the course of the semester.

Research Paper: There will be one research paper due at the end of the semester.

Tests: There will be one test per six weeks.

Grades:

Assessment	Percentage
Test	25%
Project	25%
Paper	25%
Daily	15%
Notes	10%

Make-up work will be accepted for absences. You have one class period to make up for the absence. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ASK FOR THE WORK.**

How to succeed?

1. Be on time
2. Bring your stuff
3. Participate
4. Do your work
5. Come with knowledge

Materials: Paper, pen or pencil, brain

Tutoring: Will need to be done with each student personally. Times will vary.

Conference Period: Period 2 10:05-11:40 According to district policy, you **MUST** make an appointment.

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