# PSYCHOLOGY SYLLABUS

Psychology is offered as a one-semester course to help students understand themselves and predict and control behavior. Such topics as experimental methods, learning theories, personality, mental illness, and behavioral patterns are investigated. Individual and class experiments, self-testing, lecture and role-playing are included in methods of instruction. This course is recommended for college-bound students.

## UNITS

1. What is Psychology?
2. Psychological Research and Methods
3. Biology of Psychology
4. Learning
5. Memory
6. Thinking and Language
7. Intelligence
8. Development
9. Personality
10. Psychological Disorders (if time permits)

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

## SOCIAL STUDIES

1. Take pride in your own work
2. Use technology as directed by your teacher
3. Manage your time for success
4. Do not assume the assignment has no value
5. Do not copy work from another student
6. Do not share test information with classmates

## CLASS EXPECTATIONS

1. BE ON TIME! – I expect you to get to class and be seated, ready to work when the bell rings. Class time is very important and I will use all of it. Three times tardy to class and you will do a detention in my room. One detention for each tardy after three. Please make every effort to attend and stay.
2. CELL PHONES – All phones will be removed from bags, pockets, etc., and turned off and placed on the corner of the student’s desk – faced down. By doing this we can ensure that the phone will not go off and cause a disturbance. You can replace phone when the bell rings and class is over.
3. BRING YOUR NOTEBOOK- Please purchase a notebook to be used for this class only (I strongly suggest 200 pages for MWC, about 70 pages for Soc/Psych). You are expected to copy any/all notes from the board into your notebook. This notebook will become an invaluable resource.
4. BOOKS – You will be issued a textbook. It is your responsibility to keep this text in good shape. Damaged or lost texts will be charged to you. There will be required reading\*. Books need to be brought to class daily
	1. REQUIRED READING – It is a standard assignment that you, the student, will read the chapter in the book that corresponds to the current unit. Any material in the chapter is fair game for tests or quizzes
5. GRADES- Your grade is your grade. There is absolutely no extra credit. Your grade will be updated weekly on PowerSchool. It is your responsibility to check it. Any questions or problems will be addressed as needed or requested.
	1. QUIZZES – There will be weekly quizzes given in weeks where there is no Unit Test. Quizzes will be approximately 10 points and will include only the material covered that week.
	2. UNIT TESTS – Unit Tests will be given at the conclusion of each unit. Tests will be anywhere from 20 to 50 points and include any/all information covered in the unit and corresponding text readings.
	3. REVIEW SHEETS – Review Sheets will be given at the conclusion of each unit. They will consist of short-answer questions covered in the unit. Review Sheets will be checked for completion on test day and they will count for 10 points.
	4. NOTEBOOKS –(MWC)- It is required that students in Modern Western Civilization bring a notebook to class daily. Much of the information that will be on tests and quizzes will be given in note form. Notebooks will be checked weekly for completion.
	5. ESSAYS - There will be occasions when you will be presented with an article through Canvas. The articles will be related to current subjects and students will be responsible to write an essay related to the article. The essay may be an opinion, a summary or a rebuttal depending on the assignment. All essays will be worth 10 points.
6. PARTICIPATE – There will be consideration given to students who participate in class. I expect you to ask or answer questions and participate in discussions daily.
7. STUDY – I do not give pop quizzes or surprise tests. You will know each and every time you will be assessed. Prepare yourself. I strongly suggest you study/read a little each night. Flash cards are also very effective.
8. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR EDUCATION – Ask questions, make your best effort, and accept responsibility for your book, notebook and grade.
9. RESPECT OTHERS – Due to the nature of the course (discussion of relative topics), student ideas and opinions add a great deal to the class. Comport yourself in a manner that will reflect positively on you and the people associated with you.
10. ABSOLUTELY NO CELL PHONES VIDEO OR RECORDING DEVICES – Due to FERPA laws, no class can be recorded on video or audio without clearances.
11. MAKE UP WORK – It the student’s responsibility to complete any and all make up work. I will try to remind you, but ultimately the responsibility falls to you, the student. Any work not made up by the legal date will result in a 0 points grade. Any work missed on days you are unexcused will result in 0 points, as per district policy.
12. FOOD/DRINK – No food and drink. I do not have the janitorial supplies to clean up your mess should you spill something. Please leave it in your locker or bookbag.
13. IPADs – iPads will be utilized in class. It is important to bring a functional iPad to class daily. All review sheets, assignments and supplemental articles will be disseminated through Canvas. Absolutely no pictures!

BRAVE Classroom Expectations:

* Listen to Staff
* Maintain personal space
* Be both on time & polite
* Use appropriate language & tone
* Be prepared, honest, & do your own work
* Watch for the green sign for iPad usage
* Do your best & be proud of your effort
* Have a positive attitude & take ownership of learning

## Social Studies Guidelines:

* Take pride in your own work
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## CONTACT INFO.

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