

Psychology

Psychology is an introductory elective course for high school students. Throughout the course students will examine influences on human actions and beliefs, factors influencing behavior and perception, and basic psychological theories. Students will develop and apply their understanding of psychology through lessons and projects that require interaction and observation of others.

The course seeks to help students expand their knowledge and skills so that they may achieve the following goals:

- Discover that the findings in Psychology influence many other disciplines.
- Understand that theories develop over time and require validation to be accepted.
- Examine the various scientific methods and standards used in the study of Psychology.

Unit 1: Introduction and Methods	
Psychology	Assignments
	1. Course Overview
	2. Introduction to Psychology
	3. Experimental Psychology and Schools of Thought
	4. More About Psychological Perspectives
	5. Report: Influential Psychologists
	6. Psychological Fields and Careers
	7. Report: Understanding More about Careers in Psychology
	8. Quiz 1: Introduction to Psychology
	9. Research and Methods
10. Statistics	
11. Balancing Right and Wrong (Ethics)	
12. Experiment: Bouba-Kiki Effect	
13. Essay: What Would You Do?	
14. Quiz 2: Research and Methods	
15. Special Project*	
16. Review	
17. Test	
18. Alternate Test*	
19. Glossary and Credits	
Unit 2: Biopsychosocial Psychology	
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	1. The Biology Behind Our Behavior
	2. Sensory Processes
	3. Project: Blind Spots
	4. Project: Smell vs. Taste
	5. Quiz 1: Biology and Sensory Processes
	6. Motivation
	7. Essay: What Motivates You?
	8. Values and Expectations
	9. Stress
10. Essay: Reflecting on Stress in Your Life	
11. Quiz 2: Motivation, Emotion, Stress	
12. Special Project*	
13. Review	
14. Test	
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Unit 3: Developmental Psychology	
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	1. Lifespan Development
	2. Piaget and Erikson: Theories of Development
	3. Critical Periods
	4. Research: Hereditary Conditions and Deformities
	5. Quiz 1: Lifespan Development
	6. What is Personality?
	7. Free Will vs. Determinism
	8. Essay: Do You Have a Choice?
	9. Personality Tests
10. Essay: Character Counts	
11. Quiz 2: Personality	
12. Special Project*	
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