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Course: Introduction to Psychology
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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE TOPICS:

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ The Human Brain and Nervous System
- ❖ Sensation and Perception
- ❖ Consciousness
- ❖ Memory
- ❖ Conditioning and Learning
- ❖ Motivation and Emotion
- ❖ Social Psychology

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

To become aware of the major psychological approaches to the study of behavior.

To become aware of the major aspects of behavior investigated by psychologists.

To become familiar with the theories and contributions of major figures in the field.

To become conversant in the unique language of psychology.

To learn the methodology of psychology and its limitations.

To learn how to locate, read and evaluate psychological resources.

To gain self understanding and a greater understanding of others.

To recognize ways to apply psychological findings to everyday life.

To learn to appreciate the necessity of a multi-level explanation of behavior.

To become fascinated by the study of behavior and mental processes!

It is imperative to this class that each student is able to listen critically and to effectively communicate his/her opinions to others. With this in mind, it is important that you remember that although you may not always agree with what someone says, you still must respect his/her point of view.

MATERIALS:

- ✓ 3 ring binder
- ✓ Notebook/Lined Paper
- ✓ Pen or Pencil
- ✓ Agenda Book

GRADING

IMPORTANT: Grades are not “GIVEN,” they are EARNED

- Tests 25%
- Quizzes 15%
- Projects 20%
- Class work/Homework 20%

Homework

Be sure to turn in homework ON TIME. Homework will **NOT** be accepted late, unless you have been absent. If you are absent it is **YOUR** responsibility to see me for make-up work. It is impossible for me to keep track of where all of my students are at all times and therefore I cannot track you down with your makeup work. Please take the time to find me before/after school (B117) or during directed study.

CLASS PARTICIPATION AND PREPARATION

Class Participation is worth 10% of your grade!!! Be prepared and on time for class each day.

What is “prepared?”

1. Arriving on time
2. Prepared for class discussion with any homework from the night before
3. You **MUST** have your binder, notebook, pen/pencil **EVERY DAY!!**

Class participation points will be taken away when any of these items are missing. Points will also be deducted for any **classroom disruptions** (talking, throwing things, and disruptive or disrespectful behavior.)

**☺ IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND
SOMETHING...ASK!!! DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK
ANY QUESTIONS IN THE CLASSROOM.**

Education will never become as expensive as ignorance.

CLASS RULES

RULES:

1. Attendance is essential for completing this course. If you miss a class, it is **YOUR** responsibility to obtain any notes, classwork and/or homework assigned.
2. If you are late for my class, you will make up the minutes after school.
3. You must be prepared for class!! This means, a notebook/binder, pen/pencil and homework.
4. There is no maid in my classroom. You will be responsible to pick up any trash near your desk before leaving the classroom.

BEHAVIOR:

1. There is a **ZERO TOLERANCE** rule within my classroom (and the state) when it comes to racial, homophobic and sexist comments. Abusive language will NOT be tolerated!
2. Please be respectful when speaking and or listening in the classroom.
3. Show consideration for your classmates and any visitors when they are speaking.
4. It is important to remember that everyone has a right to his/her opinion, and no one has the right to disrespect another person because of his/her views.
5. Most importantly, **RESPECT** yourself and those around you.

GRADING:

1. **Plagiarism** – 1. A piece of writing that has been copied from someone else and is presented as being your own work. 2. The act of plagiarizing; taking someone's words or ideas as if they were your own. Plagiarism will result in a zero, with no option for makeup.
2. Tests and quizzes will be given on a regular basis along with multiple projects throughout the year.
3. Unless absent, **LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!**

