

Psychology

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The goals of this course are to develop a deeper understanding of human behavior, your own behavior, and spark further interest in the study of Psychology.

What are we going to study?

Here are the five units of study:

Unit 1: Introduction, History, and Research Methods in Psychology

Unit 2: The Biological Bases of Behavior

Unit 3: Lifespan Development

Unit 4: Memory

Unit 5: Social Psychology

How will you be graded?

You will be graded on many things. All of the following could be a part of the grade:

Tests, quizzes, projects, notes, current events, participation, daily assignments, group work, and more could be a part of the grade.

Is attendance important?

YES. I keep track of attendance. If you have truancy issues, I will follow the due process procedures of the school, and you may be removed from class. Three trancies can subject you to being removed from the class. BE HERE, and if you are not, make sure it is excused!

-Remember, this is a GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, so be here, do a good job, so you can take care of your business!

What will be doing in the class?

We will have a mix of lecture, group work, video, projects, and current events that will combine to all be a part of the class. I will try to base our tests around the notes.

Class Expectations and Rules:

*Any verbal behavior, clothing, or physical behavior directed at others is unacceptable and is grounds for referral to your administrator.

*Insulting or intimidating others based on gender, religion, ethnicity, physical or mental ability is unacceptable and is grounds for referral to your administrator.

*You are expected to be on time for class. I will follow the school due process if you have issues being to class on time.

*You are expected to come to class every day, unless you are excused. Poor attendance makes it very difficult to have a good grade in any class. I will follow the school due process procedures for truanancies.

*Please bring your textbook, notebook, and pen or pencil to class every day unless I tell you the day before you do not need to. Do not work on other classes' work, or personal reading books during class. I will not allow you to work on or read other stuff unless you are given permission by me!

*Come to class with a positive attitude! You are not in here very long each day, so it's really not that big of a deal. I try not to have much in the way of homework, so there is really very little to complain about!

*When others are talking about class, or when I am ready to speak to you, please show the respect that each person deserves, and listen, or at least be quiet while others are speaking! At this point in your school careers, you should be able to make this happen. Again, I do not ask for too much, but please respect others (including me) while we are talking.

*Keep cell phones OUT OF SIGHT! I am pretty easy on you if I catch you once, but if you do it again, I will take the phone. I don't care who is texting you, if you are having daily phone issues, I will take the phone away that day until it is not a nuisance item.

*As for ipods, a lot of you bring them. Do not have them out while I am lecturing. If we are working on an assignment in class, I will tell you if you can use them or not.

What about late work?

I want you to do your work, even if it is late. There will be points taken off after one, two, or three days, depending on how late an assignment is. After three days, if the assignment is not done, you can still turn it in, but only for a minimum passing grade, or 60%. That is much better than a zero! If you are truant the day of ANY graded assignment, the highest grade you will receive will be a 60%.

What is the grade scale?

I already explained what is graded. Any extra credit will also go into the grade. It is a cumulative point scale. Tests, quizzes, and projects will make up most of the grade. Daily work, notes, current events, participation, etc...will make up a smaller portion of the grade. Here is the scale:

A	90-100	B+	85-89	B	80-84	C+	75-79
C	70-74	D+	65-69	D	60-64	F	59.9-0

With the new grade scale, I will not round up. Tests, quizzes, and selected projects will be weighted for 80% of your grade, and the rest of the items I grade will make up the other 20%.

It is important that you keep up with the class. If you are gone, make up the notes, work, or whatever you need to do. I will work with you if you have an excused absence. You will have time to make up the work, but it has to be a reasonable amount of time, not unlimited. If you do not understand the concepts of the class, please ask me for help! I don't understand should never be a reason you do not do well.

What about plagiarism?

Plagiarism: "Academic integrity is a principal value at LSE, and honest authorship is a demonstration of that integrity. Ethical writers make every effort to acknowledge sources fully and appropriately. Dishonest authorship, known as plagiarism, is a form of cheating and a form of either lying or stealing or both".

Plagiarism occurs when a writer deliberately uses someone else's language, ideas, or other original material without acknowledging its source.

Plagiarism is unacceptable in our classes and is considered a serious offense. Each incidence of plagiarism is subject to review and consideration by the instructor and is subject to a range of penalties including but not limited to:

1. Parent/Administrator notification
2. Redoing the work with reduction of credit
3. Failing the assignment

A student who knowingly allows another student to plagiarize his or her work is just as guilty as the student who cheats, and may be subject to the same penalties.

Any other questions?

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE RULES AND EXPECTATIONS, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THEIR MEANING AND POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES. PLEASE SIGN BY FRIDAY.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____