

MARLBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT-CURRICULUM MAP

Subject: Social Studies

Grade Levels: 11 & 12

Course Title: College Psychology

Title or Topics (Unit organizing idea)	Concepts (understandings)	Skills (What students actually do)	Major Assessments (Tests, projects, etc.)	Time Frame (Number of weeks)
Course Topic 1 – What is Psychology?	Defining Psychology Psychology in Historical Perspective Contemporary Approaches to Psychology What do Psychologists do	Explain what psychology is and describe the positive psychology movement. Discuss the roots and early scientific foundations of psychology. Summarize the main themes of the approaches to psychology. Evaluate the areas of specialization and careers in psychology.	Weekly Quizzes Written Assignments Case Study Reviews	1 week
Course Topic 2 – Psychology’s Scientific Method	Psychology’s Scientific Method Types of Psychological Research Research Samples and Settings Analyzing and Interpreting Data Ethical Research Thinking Critically about Psychological Research	Explain the scientific method. Describe the three types of research that are used in psychology and common research settings. Explain research samples and settings. Distinguish between descriptive statistics and inferential statistics. Describe some research challenges that involve ethics. Explain the need to think critically about psychology research.	Weekly Quizzes Written Assignments Case Study Reviews	2 weeks
Course Topic 3 – Biological Foundations of Behavior	The Nervous System and Neurons Structures of the Brain and Their Functions Brain Damage, Plasticity and Repair Genetics and Behavior	Describe the parts and functions of the nervous system. Explain what neurons are and how they process information. Identify the brain’s levels, structures, and functions. State what the endocrine system is and how it affects behavior. Describe the brain’s capacity for recovery and repair. Explain how genetics increases our understanding of behavior.	Weekly Quizzes Unit Exam Written Assignments Case Study Reviews	2 Weeks
Course Topic 4 – Sensation and Perception	How we Sense and Perceive the World The Visual System, Auditory System and Other Senses	Describe basic principles of sensation and perception. Explain how the visual system enables us to see and, by communicating with the brain, to perceive the world. Understand how the auditory system registers sound and how it connects with the brain to perceive it. Explain how the skin, chemical, kinesthetic, and vestibular senses work. Identify the everyday practices associated with protecting vision and hearing.	Weekly Quizzes Written Assignments Case Study Reviews	2 Weeks

Course Topic 5 – States of Consciousness	The Nature of Consciousness Sleep and Dreams Psychoactive Drugs Hypnosis	Discuss the nature of consciousness. Explain the nature of sleep and dreams. Evaluate the uses and types of psychoactive drugs. Describe hypnosis and its uses	Weekly Quizzes Written Assignments Case Study Reviews Unit Exam	2 Weeks
Course Topic 6 - Learning	Classical Conditioning Operant Conditioning Observational Learning Cognitive Factors in Learning Biological, Cultural and Psychological Factors in Learning	Describe and define learning. Explain classical conditioning. Explain operant conditioning. Understand observational learning. Describe the role of cognition in learning. Identify biological, cultural, and psychological factors in learning.	Weekly Quizzes Written Assignments Case Study Reviews	3 Weeks
Course Topic 7 - Memory	The Nature of Memory Memory Encoding, Storage and Retrieval Forgetting	Identify the process of memory. Explain how memories are encoded. Discuss how memories are stored. Summarize how memories are retrieved. Describe how the failure of encoding and retrieval are involved in forgetting. Evaluate study strategies based on an understanding of memory. Identify the multiple functions of memory in human life.	Weekly Quizzes Written Assignments Case Study Reviews	3 Weeks
Course Topic 8 – Thinking, Intelligence and Language	The Cognitive Revolution in Psychology Thinking Intelligence Language	Describe cognitive psychology and discuss the role of the computer in the development of the field. Explain the processes involved in thinking and describe capacities related to superior thinking. Describe intelligence and its measurement and discuss influences on and types of intelligence. Identify the possible connections between language and thought and summarize how language is acquired and develops. Discuss the importance of cognitive appraisal with respect to stress and describe various styles of coping.	Weekly Quizzes Unit Exam Written Assignments Case Study Reviews	2 Weeks
Course Topic 9 – Human Development	Exploring Human Development Child Development Adolescence Emerging Adulthood, Adult Development and Aging	Explain how psychologists think about development. Describe children’s development from prenatal stages to adolescence. Discuss adult development and the positive dimensions of aging. Discuss important factors in successful adult psychological development.	Weekly Quizzes Written Assignments Case Study Reviews	3 Weeks

Course Topic 10 – Motivation and Emotion	Theories of Motivation Hunger Obesity and Eating Disorders Approaches to Motivation in Everyday Life Emotion	Describe evolutionary, drive reduction, and optimum arousal theories of motivation. Explain the physiological basis of hunger and the nature of eating behavior. Characterize approaches to motivation in everyday life and summarize views of emotion	Weekly Quizzes Written Assignments Case Study Reviews Unit Exam	2 Weeks
Course Topic 11 – Personality	Psychodynamic Perspectives Humanistic Perspectives Trait Perspectives Social Cognitive Perspectives Biological Perspectives Personality Assessments	Define personality and summarize the psychodynamic perspectives. Describe humanistic perspectives. Describe the trait perspectives. Describe the personological and life story perspectives. Describe the social cognitive perspectives. Describe the biological perspectives. Characterize the main methods of personality assessment	Weekly Quizzes Written Assignments Case Study Reviews	2 Weeks
Course Topic 12 – Social Psychology	Social Cognition Social Behavior Social Influence Intergroup Relations	Describe how people think about the social world. Describe social behavior, particularly altruism and aggression. Identify how people are influenced in social settings. Discuss intergroup relations. Explain the nature of close relationships.	Weekly Quizzes Written Assignments Case Study Reviews	1 Week
Course Topic 13 – Industrial and Org. Psychology	Origins of I/O Psychology Industrial Psychology Organizational Psychology Organizational Culture	Discuss the roots and evolution of industrial and organizational psychology. Describe the perspectives and emphases of industrial psychology. Identify the main focus of organizational psychology and describe important business factors that organizational researchers have studied. Define organizational culture and describe factors relating to positive and negative workplace environments. Name some common sources of job-related stress and cite strategies for coping with stress in the workplace.	Weekly Quizzes Written Assignments Case Study Reviews Unit Exam	3 Weeks
Course Topic 14 – Psychological Disorders	Defining and Explaining Abnormal Behavior Anxiety and Anxiety Related Disorders Disorders Involving Emotion and Mood Dissociative Disorders Schizophrenia Personality Disorders	Define the characteristics, explanations, and classifications of abnormal behavior. Distinguish amongst the various anxiety and anxiety-related disorders. Compare disorders involving mood and emotion. Describe the dissociative disorders. Characterize schizophrenia. Identify the behavior patterns typical of personality disorders.	Weekly Quizzes Written Assignments Case Study Reviews	3 Weeks

<p>Course Topic 15 – Therapies</p>	<p>Approaches to Treating Psychological Disorders Psychotherapy Biological Therapies Sociocultural Approaches and Issues in Treatment</p>	<p>Describe approaches to treating psychological disorders. Define psychotherapy and characterize four types of psychotherapy. Describe biological therapies. Explain sociocultural approaches and issues in treatment. Discuss therapy’s larger implications for health and wellness and characterize the client’s role in therapeutic success.</p>	<p>Weekly Quizzes Unit Exam Written Assignments Case Study Reviews Final Exam</p>	<p>2 Weeks</p>
<p>Course Topic 16 – Health Psychology</p>	<p>Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine Making Positive Life Changes Resources for Effective Life Change Controlling Stress</p>	<p>Describe the scope of health psychology and behavioral medicine. Describe the various theoretical models of change. Discuss psychological and social tools that promote effective life change. Describe how stress can affect personal wellness and identify strategies to control it. Describe how decisions about physical activity, diet and nutrition, and smoking affect health and well-being.</p>	<p>Weekly Quizzes Unit Exam Written Assignments Case Study Reviews</p>	<p>2 Weeks</p>