

## Psychology Syllabus

### Course Description

**Psychology P (S3652)** Why do some people have more motivation than others? How much of a person's behavior is inherited? Are humans naturally aggressive? And, how does the brain function? Through a variety of methods, this class will help explain why humans behave as they do, and maybe even assist us in understanding our own lives.

### Course Expectations

The class structure is based around lecture, reading and analyzing documents, writing, group and individual projects, and discussions. You will be expected to be an active participant in your learning by reading, writing, discussing and most importantly asking questions about the topics and ideas presented in class. The more engaged in class activities you are, the more successful you will be.

### Class Rules

- ❖ Everyone will enter the class with an open mind; open to new ideas, different opinions and new information.
- ❖ Everyone, including the teacher, will be treated with respect. Put-downs or purposely hurtful comments or actions will not be tolerated.
- ❖ No one will be allowed to disrupt the learning process of others.
- ❖ Cell phones should not be out on desks and are not appropriate to be using in class unless permitted by teacher for an activity.  
-If you have your cell phone out and it is not the appropriate time (as identified by the teacher), it will be confiscated. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule.
- ❖ Food and drinks are permitted in class as long as all messes are cleaned up on your own. If I need to clean up after you, **this privilege will be removed for the class.**
  - If I find food, paper, or any other items/trash left behind by your desk, I will deduct 3 points from your 20 point participation grade.

### Requirements

- ❖ For each class period you will need lined paper and something to write with. You will not need your textbook each day, but will be told in advance if it is needed for class. Homework assignments will be available on Blackboard, however, extra copies will be made of all materials for students who do not have access to a computer and/or printer.

### Homework

Homework completion is critical to understanding course work and success in the class for this reason the homework policy is as follows:

- ❖ No Late Work!
- ❖ Homework will be collected daily or turned into the homework bin. Homework is considered late if it is not turned in at the very beginning of the class period.

### Absences/Make-up Work

- ❖ If you are absent, your homework will only be accepted if your absence is **EXCUSED** with the attendance office. All absences must be excused within 48 hours, or work will not be accepted.
- ❖ If you are absent, your homework is due 2 days after your return. When absent, student must retrieve missed work from blackboard or teacher. **Absent Monday, get work and turn in by Thursday.**
- ❖ The agenda and homework assignments will be posted on blackboard daily.
- ❖ Due dates are firm for major assignments. If you are absent, send the major assignment with a friend or via email. It is highly recommended that you exchange phone numbers with a classmate today. Call them for missed work and/or check blackboard.
- ❖ Oral presentations missed due to an absence will be substituted with a 3-5 page, typed paper on the same subject. These will be due the day you return to class.

- ❖ Missed tests, quizzes, and or other classwork must be made up within **two days** of your return. Student must make arrangements with the teacher to complete make-up quizzes and tests during Homeroom, lunch or afterschool.
- ❖ **If you are absent, you will need to put to write “absent” at the top of your paper and the date in which you were absent next to it. If you do not do this when you turn your absent work into the absent bin, you will not receive credit.**

**Peer Contact (optional)**

Name	Phone Number	Email

**Tardy Policy**

- ❖ You are tardy if you are not in class when the bell rings.
- ❖ I will not accept your homework if you are tardy.

**Academic Honesty**

- ❖ Cheating will not be tolerated. Any work in violation of the SDUHSD Academic Honesty Policy will, *at a minimum*, result in a zero (“0”) for the assignment and a referral to the assistant principal’s office. Please do not test me on this policy.

**Movie Permission**

- ❖ Students will be watching a variety of clips from films and documentaries that will help students to better understand course themes and concepts. If you object to your son or daughter watching certain “R” rated clips or films, please contact me and I will assign your son or daughter an alternate assignment.
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**I have read and understand the above rules, regulations, and requirements.**

**Student Name (Printed)**

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**Student SIGNATURE**

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**Parent Guardian SIGNATURE**

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**Parent email/phone number**

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