Course Outline: Psychology

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Course Targets:

* Evaluate historical figures and their contributions to psychology
* Assess how effectively research is done in psychology
* Identify types of learning, memory, and perception
* Evaluate different personality types and how they impact behaviors
* Understand motivational techniques and how emotion is tied to them
* Evaluate various life stages for humans
* Assess stress/adjustment/conflicts and impact on human behavior
* Interpret different forms of abnormal behavior
* Assess how human interaction affects behaviors

Schedule:

1. Psychology: Intro, Research and Today
2. Learning, Memory, and Perception
3. Personality and testing
4. Motivation, Emotion, and Altered States
5. Adolescence and Adulthood
6. Stress, Conflict, and Adjustment to Society
7. Abnormal Behavior
8. Human Relations and Interaction

Grading: Grade scale is typical 90/80/70/60.

Assessments/Tests: There will be an assessment (test) after each unit. Tests are generally between 40-50 points each. Tests will make up about 60% of your grade, with the other 40% coming from other assessments, i.e. projects, group discussion, etc.

Notebooks: You will need one for notes. The majority of the test/assessment will come from the notes given in class.

Handouts: A Unit ‘Target’ Sheet will accompany each unit. This sheet will outline the ‘learning targets’ for the unit, as well as have vocabulary on it that you will be responsible for from the textbook. Other handouts will come at various times.

Projects: Each unit will include other project assessments; group discussion, oral presentation, paper/summary, etc.

Participation: This class ‘stresses’ participation. You will be asked to discuss your feelings/emotions on various topics. Be prepared to be honest with yourself and listen to your classmates when involved in class discussions.