

Warren County School District
PLANNED INSTRUCTION

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course Title: AP Psychology

Course Number: 00154

Course Prerequisites: GPA of at least 80%

Course Description: (Include “no final exam” or “final exam required”)

The goal of this course is to increase understanding of psychology and its methods, theories and research, with the objective that each student passes the Advanced Placement Examination. The AP Psychology course is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. They also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice. The course is broken into 14 topics, which reflect a division of the major areas of psychology. The aim of the course is to provide the students with a learning experience equivalent to that obtained in most college introductory courses, and is taught at the college level. Student’s study habits, preparation, and participation should reflect this fact.

Another goal of the course is to encourage critical thinking and good writing. Writing should be clear and concise, and demonstrate knowledge of psychological concepts using appropriate terminology. There will be writing assignments designed to prepare each student for the free response portion of the AP Exam. Emphasis will be placed on the analysis, synthesis, and evaluation levels of critical thinking.

It is hoped that the knowledge of psychological inquiry will provide perceptions of the world around us, insights into one’s own and into others’ behavior, as well as an appreciation of the complexity of human behavior.

A final exam is required.

Suggested Grade Level: 11-12

Length of Course: One Semester X Two Semesters Other (Describe)

Units of Credit: 1 (Insert **NONE** if appropriate.)

PDE Certification and Staffing Policies and Guidelines (CSPG) Required Teacher Certification(s): CSPG Social Studies 7-12

Certification verified by WCSD Human Resources Department:

 X Yes No

Board Approved Textbooks, Software, Materials:

Title:

Publisher:

ISBN #:

Copyright Date:

Date of WCSD Board Approval:

BOARD APPROVAL:

Date Written: January 2015

Date Approved:

Implementation Year: 2015-2016

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND GIFTED REQUIREMENTS

The teacher shall make appropriate modifications to instruction and assessment based on a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Gifted Individual Education Plan (GIEP).

SPECIFIC EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS, CONTENT, & SKILLS

See Curriculum Map - AP Psychology

ASSESSMENTS

Suggested Formative Assessments: The teacher will develop and use standards-based assessments throughout the course.

- Pre-Assessments of prior knowledge (e.g. entrance cards or KWL chart)
- Labs/lab reports
- Bell ringers/Problems of the Day(PODs)
- Discussions
- Teacher observation/Questioning
- Graphic organizers (e.g. Venn diagrams, word mapping, webbing, KWL chart, etc.)
- Summarizing
- Retelling
- Notetaking
- Problem-based learning modules
- Authentic assessment
- Oral presentations
- Outlining
- Journaling
- Student presentations/projects
- Open-ended response
- Classroom Performance System (CPS)

Suggested Summative Assessments:

- Essays
- Open-Ended Responses
- Projects
- Quizzes/tests
- Student presentations
- Portfolios

District Approved Assessment Instruments

- Any district approved assessment instrument

Portfolio Assessment: ☐ Yes ☒ No

District-wide Final Examination Required: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Course Challenge Assessment (Describe):

WRITING TEAM:

WCSD STUDENT DATA SYSTEM INFORMATION

1. Is there a required final examination? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Does this course issue a mark/grade for the report card?
 ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Does this course issue a Pass/Fail mark? ☐ Yes ☒ No
4. Is the course mark/grade part of the GPA calculation?
 ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Is the course eligible for Honor Roll calculation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
6. What is the academic weight of the course?
 ☐ No weight/Non credit ☐ Standard weight
 ☒ Enhanced weight (Describe) AP