

Expectations and Outcomes

Grade Level/Course:11-12

Content Area: Social Studies

| Unit Title | Guarantees |
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| I. History and Methods of Psychology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origins and history of Psychology • Scientific method and experimental research • Types of experiments • Use of statistical procedures • APA Ethical Guidelines • Career Options in Psychology |
| II. Biological Basis of Behavior | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key structures and functions of the brain • Overview of neural functioning and Action Potential • Three subdivisions of the brain; hind, mid and fore • Lobes of the brain • Overview of the endocrine system • Structure and process of genetic transmission • Influence of heredity on behavior |
| III. Sensation and Perception | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thresholds-Weber's Law, Fechner and Stevens theories • Signal Detection theory • Visual perception and color vision • Gestalt Psychology and visual illusions • Human hearing and auditory sensory processing • Frequency theories of pitch perception • Process of taste, smell and touch • The Kinesthetic and Vestibular systems |
| IV. States of Consciousness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature of consciousness • Biological clocks and the sleep cycle • Stages of sleep • Effects of sleep deprivation |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theories of dreaming • Effects of meditation • Uses for hypnosis • Mind-altering drugs • Near-death experiences |
| V. Learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classical Conditioning-Pavlov • Emotional Conditioning-Watson • Operant Conditioning- Thorndike and Skinner • Observational Learning-Bandura • Latent Learning-Tolman • Current Trends in Conditioning |
| VI. Cognition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human memory processes • Three parts of memory • Theories of attention and memory • The physiology of memory • Distinguishing between different types of multiple memories • Cognitive Revolution • Key properties of language • Language acquisition • Problem solving strategies • Barriers associated with problem solving • Decision making skills |
| VII. Personality | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define Personality and Traits theory • Psychoanalytic- Freud's and Jung's theories • Social Psychoanalytic- Horney and Adler's revisionist theories • Social Cognitive- Skinner and Bandura's theories • Humanist theory- Rogers and Maslow • Biological theory- Eysenck, Buss and Sheldon • Personality types and tests |
| VIII. Motivation and Emotion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive-reduction and Incentive theories • Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivation of hunger • Sexual motivation • Affiliation motives influence on behavior • Achievement motive • Compare and contrast the James-Lange, Cannon-Bard and Schachter theories of emotion |
| IX. Abnormal Psychology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model of abnormal behavior • DSM-V • Four types of anxiety disorders • Three somatoform disorders • Four major depressive disorders • Dissociative Disorders • Schizophrenia • Personality disorders • Legal concepts on insanity and incompetency • Psychotherapy- forms |
| X. Developmental Psychology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Phases of prenatal development • Emotional and physical development of infants • Erikson's Stages of Man • Piaget's Stages of Cognitive Development • Kohlberg's Stages of Moral Development • Adolescence and Identity • Adult years and Aging • Kubler-Ross's Death and dying |
| XII. Testing and Individual Differences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychological tests • History of IQ testing • Assessment of intelligence • Reliability and validity and other important testing terms |
| XII. Social Behavior | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stereotypes and Prejudice • Group decision making • Kelley's Covariation model of attribution • Four theories of attitude formation and change |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asch's conformity study• Milgram's obedience study• Stanford Prison Study• Power of the situation |
| XIII. Stress, Coping and Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four principle types of stress• Four basic types of conflicts• Emotional, physiological and behavioral responses to stress• Relationship between stress and health |