

Department: History

Course Name: General Psychology

Course Description:

This semester course, open to juniors and seniors, provides the student with an overview of the diverse discipline of psychology through the examination of representative areas of the field: history, neuroscience, development, personality, psychological disorders and social psychology. Students will explore various theoretical perspectives of human behavior, become familiar with general psychological principles and review major research in the main topic areas. Current issues and trends in psychology are explored.

Content:

Historical perspective
Current perspectives
Biopsychology
Developmental psychology through the life span
Cognitive development
Social emotional development
Gender development
Human sexuality
Adolescent development
Theories of Personality
Psychological disorders
Social psychology
Conformity
Obedience

Skills:

Research topics
Prepare oral reports
Read text and analyze

Text and Materials:

Myers, David G. and DeWall, G. Nathan Exploring Psychology 10th edition, 2016.

Methods of Instruction:

Lecture
Experiments
Demonstrations
Videos / contemporary movies

Methods of Evaluation:

Tests
Quizzes
Homework
Class participation
Writing assignments
Exam/Debate