

Psychology

Text:	<i>Psychology Principles in Practice</i> , Dr. Spencer A Rathus
Supplemental Materials:	Various Discovery Channel Videos relating to behavior and the brain, <i>30 Second Psychology</i> , Christian Jarrett (The 50 most thought provoking psychology theories each explained in half a minute). TED.com lecture website that provides lectures from Psychologists on aspects of human behavior. APA.org – Online psychology laboratory which includes various psychological tests that students can perform on themselves. Discovery Channel videos on the brain and fear.
Course Description:	Broad overview of Psychology as a science. Theories of Psychology and methods of research that each theory uses. Effects of Biology on behavior. Discussion of central and peripheral nervous systems, activity of the brain. How we sense stimulus through our various body systems. We study consciousness, learning, memory, thinking and language, intelligence. We also study the different stages of development that include infancy and childhood, adolescence and adulthood. We also study motivation and emotion and gender roles.
Methods of Evaluation:	Evaluation includes Chapter tests, homework, quizzes and a project related to the field of psychology.
Pace of Instruction:	Typically cover between 1 and 1.5 chapters per week.
Course Objectives:	Give students a broad knowledge of psychology theories and methods of research. Understanding the effects of biology on behavior. Understand how our senses provide information to our brain. The role of consciousness including sleep and dreams. Understand how learning, memory, thinking and language and intelligence affect individual behavior. Knowledge of the different phases of development of individuals.
Date Completed	9/30/11 by TRC