

Course Overview

Content Area:

Course(s):

Time Period: **Year**

Length: **180**

Status: **Published**

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Aligned to Standards: 2014 NJSLs

Revision Date: 2023

In compliance with the NJ Student Learning Standards, climate change, career readiness, DEI (Diversity, Equity, & Inclusivity), as well as other standards have been integrated within the NBCRSD curricula (NJ Administrative Code Title 6A: chapter 8; Title 18A: chapter 35).

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Sequence- Unit Titles, Summaries, and Number of weeks per unit (total = 18 semester/36 year)

Unit 1: Scientific Foundations of Psychology - 3 weeks

- Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. Students will learn about the basis of psychological theory as the study of human and animal behavior and mental processes and learn how psychologists design and conduct research.

Unit 2: Biology Bases of Behavior - 5 weeks

- The structures of human biological systems and their functions influence our behavior and mental processes. Students will study behaviors and mental processes from a biological perspective and explore the effects of the interaction between human biology and our environment.

Unit 3: Sensation and Perception - 3 weeks

- Psychologists study sensation and perception to explain how and why externally gathered sensations and perceptions impact behaviors and mental processes. Students will examine how humans perceive and process the world around them via their senses and convert those observations into perceptions that influence how we think and behave.

Unit 4: Developmental - 4 weeks

- Developmental psychology encompasses the study of the behavior of organisms from conception to death. Students will study how physical and social changes over humans' lifespans can influence behavior and mental processes from a variety of perspectives.

Unit 5: Clinical/ Social Psychology - 3 weeks

- Psychologists will utilize a particular theoretical perspective to study and treat psychological disorders. Students will learn how psychologists evaluate, study, and treat a range of psychological disorders. Psychological concepts and theoretical perspectives are pulled together from the course. Students will examine how humans interact in groups and social situations, as well as how others can affect an individual's behavior and mental processes.

[Reporting Student Progress](#) (link to NB's Assessment System)

All courses follow a balanced assessment system with Practice and Assessments.
Each category includes formative, summative and alternative assessments.

[Accommodations and Modifications](#) (link to menu)

Integrated accommodations and modifications for special education students, English language learners, students at risk of school failure, gifted and talented students, and students with 504 plans.