



# PSYCHOLOGY

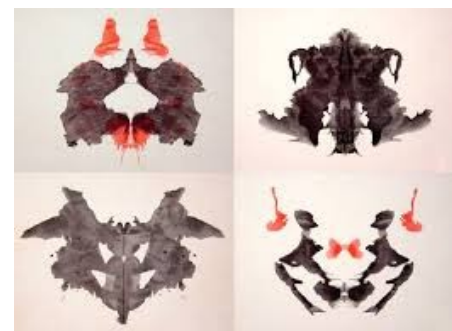
After taking two years of this course students are able to define the term psychology and demonstrate a command of basic vocabulary within the field. They also become familiar with the differences between the science of psychology and applied psychology in relation to the types of psychologists and what they do. Students also learn about the brain and how it affects our behavior and will distinguish among the major modern theoretical perspectives in psychology. Another goal is for students to be able to explain how psychological theories are used to describe, predict, and modify behavior. Once a solid foundation is established then the class focuses on specific diagnosis and treatments. There is also a shift to focus on the ways one may apply psychology like for example Music Therapy, Forensic Psychology, Health Psychology, Social Psychology, Research Methods and other famous experiments.

The first year students have a choice between two projects: either collecting dreams and writing a Dream Log where they analyze the content and meaning of each dream, or they can choose to write a Discography which aims to find and analyze 20 songs that are about or relate to a certain chosen emotion. The second year students have one project which is a sample research paper written in APA format.



On the first day of class students are given a 'test' called Psychological Truths. Students are usually surprised by what is true and what is a psychological myth. Another fun activity during the second year is when we discuss Music Therapy and the teacher brings a guitar to school along with several other percussion instruments. The teacher then facilitates a therapy environment with the students so that they can see first hand how useful music therapy can be.

The second project for the first year students involves choosing a movie (from a designated movie list) and diagnosing a character in the movie. This project allows students to practice pinpointing areas of abnormal behavior and choosing the best way to treat the abnormality. We also focus more on psychological testing which is seen here in the picture to the right. (Rorschach Test)



By taking this class, students not only gain new and useful information about others but they can also learn a lot about themselves as well. This information can help facilitate tolerance of other people and their differences, which leads to a stronger individual in the end.

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