

COURSE DETAILS



ELECTIVES

Psychology

In this course, students gain an understanding of the complexities of human thoughts, behaviors, and factors related to the differences between people. They also gain basic understanding of the scientific methods which is the core of this discipline. Through the study of psychology, students understand and determine how the mind and body work together, and they in-turn, apply that knowledge in their daily lives.

- Approaches to Psychology
- Psychological Research Methods and Statistics
- Life Span Development
- Body and Behavior
- Altered States of Consciousness
- Sensation and Perception
- Learning: Principles and Applications
- Memory and Thoughts
- Thinking and Language
- Motivation and Emotion
- Psychological Testing
- Theories of Personality
- Stress and Health
- Psychological Disorders
- Therapy and Change
- Individual and Group Interactions
- Attitudes and Social Influence
- Psychology: Present and Future

AP Psychology

The Advanced Placement (AP) Psychology course introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. Here's a brief overview of its contents:

Course Units

Biological Bases of Behavior

Study of the brain, nervous system, and the interaction between biology and environment.

Topics include neural firing, brain structures, and the effects of psychoactive substances.

Cognition

Exploration of memory, intelligence, and mental processes.

Topics include perception, problem-solving, memory errors, and intelligence measurement.

Development and Learning

Examination of physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development across the lifespan.

Topics include developmental psychology research methods, gender, and learning theories.

Social Psychology and Personality

Study of how social experiences influence behavior and personality development.

Topics include social situations, personality theories, motivation, and emotion.

Mental and Physical Health

Focus on psychological disorders, their treatment, and the promotion of mental and physical well-being.

Topics include abnormal psychology, therapy methods, and health psychology.

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Chinese

This foundational course offers students a dynamic entry point into the Chinese language, focusing on practical communication skills and cultural appreciation. Designed for beginners, the curriculum emphasizes the essential building blocks of Mandarin, enabling learners to engage confidently in everyday interactions.

Course Description:

- **Chinese Characters:** Students will explore the structure and meaning of commonly used Chinese characters, learning how to read and write them with accuracy and confidence.
- **Daily Vocabulary:** The course introduces a wide range of basic words and phrases relevant to daily life—covering topics such as greetings, family, food, numbers, and common activities.
- **Pronunciation and Pinyin:** Learners will become familiar with the Chinese phonetic system (Pinyin), mastering the pronunciation of letters, tones, and syllables to build a strong foundation for spoken communication.
- **Conversational Practice:** Through guided dialogues and role-play exercises, students will apply their learning in simple conversations, reinforcing vocabulary and pronunciation in real-life scenarios.

Photography

Photography is introduced not merely as a method of documentation, but as a form of personal and artistic expression. Students learn to observe the world through a creative lens, capturing moments that reflect emotion, narrative, and perspective. Alongside this expressive journey, they gain proficiency in the technical aspects of photography—including camera operation, image composition, lighting, and digital editing.

Core Components of the Curriculum

- **Camera Skills & Composition:** Students become familiar with the functions of digital cameras and mobile devices, learning how to frame, focus, and compose compelling images.
- **Editing & Post-Processing:** Using both computer software and mobile applications, learners explore editing techniques that enhance mood, clarity, and storytelling impact.
- **Digital Tools & Techniques:** The course introduces students to essential equipment, materials, and workflows used in contemporary digital photography.
- **Cellphone Photography:** Recognizing the accessibility of mobile devices, students are encouraged to experiment with smartphone photography and editing apps to produce high-quality visual content.
- **Visual Problem Solving:** Through project-based assignments, students tackle creative challenges that require thoughtful planning, aesthetic judgment, and technical execution.

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Thai Language & Culture

This course is designed to immerse students in the Thai language and culture through practical application and hands-on experiences. By the end of the course, students will have a well-rounded understanding of the Thai language and culture, equipped with practical skills that can be applied in everyday life. Students will:

Language Skills:

- Apply vocabulary and grammatical structures in various everyday communicative situations.
- Engage in conversations, role-plays, and interactive activities to enhance their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.

Cultural Understanding:

- Explore basic aspects of Thai culture, including traditional Thai dance and handicrafts.
- Participate in cultural activities and projects to gain a deeper appreciation of Thailand's rich heritage.

Life Skills:

- Develop essential life skills such as sewing and cooking through practical workshops.
- Learn to create traditional Thai dishes and handicrafts, fostering creativity and self-sufficiency.

