

**FAME Public Charter School
Course Description**

Psychology

Description:

This course is designed to introduce students to the basic concepts of psychology and covers a broad range of topics including learning processes, the development of personality, mental and emotional problems, the psychology of group behavior and social attitudes. Studying these topics will help students develop an awareness and understanding of the many forces that influence behavior. This is a Social Studies Elective course. This is a year long course, 5 credits each semester will be awarded with a passing grade.

Objectives:

Students will gain an understanding of the following:

- *What is the study of psychology and different approaches of study
- *Personality theories and measurement
- *Psychological disorders, treatment and therapy
- *How to maintain good mental health

Methods of Assessment:

Assessment tools include the following but are not limited to:

- * Periodic review of work by independent study teacher
- * Portfolios
- * Parent facilitator and observation
- * Graded assignments
- * Written examinations
- * Research projects
- * Oral presentation

Suggested Curriculum:

May be selected from the following:

- *Textbook: Glencoe: Understanding Psychology, 1995
- *North Dakota Independent Study, Psychology, Course #HSS1191
- *Oak Meadow, Psychology, Course # 12105
- *University Nebraska-Lincoln, I.S.H.S., Psychology, Course # SSTH 003
- *Laurel Springs, Psychology, Text Course, CP