

**PSYCHOLOGY 1A SYLLABUS  
FALL SEMESTER**

*Units of Study*

Unit 1: Learning (ch. 6)  
Unit 2: Memory (ch. 7)  
Unit 3: Thinking and Language (ch. 8)  
Unit 4: Intelligence and Mental Abilities (ch. 9)  
*Midterm Exam (Units 1-4)*

Unit 5: Motivation and Emotion (ch. 13)  
Unit 6: Biology and Behavior (ch. 3)  
Unit 7: Sensation and Perception (ch. 4)  
Unit 8: Theories of Personality (ch. 14)  
*Final Exam (Units 5-8)*

*Required Reading*

Hock, R.R. (1999). *Forty studies that changed psychology*. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

Rathus, S.A. (2007). *Psychology: Principles in Practice 10/e*. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

*Course Requirements*

successful completion of various objective and subjective quizzes and tests  
literary and cinematic interpretations of course literature and films  
participation in class discussions  
completion of coursework, including vocabulary, worksheets and experiments  
midterm examination on Units 1-5 and final examination on Units 6-10

*This course meets the requirements of a college preparatory social science elective.*

*Homework and various course handouts will be available online at  
<http://www.cybersisman.com>*

*Laguna Hills High School Vision Statement:*

Through the cooperative involvement of all students, staff, parents and the community, Laguna Hills High School will strive to provide each student with the academic skills, knowledge and values needed to become active and contributing members of our global society.

*Laguna Hills High School Learning Standards*

- H Honorable and hardworking students
  - A Active and contributing members of society
  - W Wisely seeking to do their best
  - K Knowledgeable and creative
  - S Students who are locally, nationally and internationally aware
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- S Socially Conscious
  - O Organized-developing strong work habits and learning to prioritize
  - A Academically prepared-able to effectively apply speaking, reading, writing, science, and math skills to meet all curriculum standards
  - R Respectful and Responsible-making wise decisions and acting with integrity