

# Phoenix Christian High School

## SST420 Psychology

### Course Scope & Sequence (2010)

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Psychology is an opportunity for us to examine ourselves. We will study and evaluate the various approaches to understand the human psyche, while considering how such approaches interact with our Christian Faith. Our examination of Psychology is entirely relevant. Thus, your success in this course depends on your effort to make the information personally relevant. Through this course The student will improve in writing skills, reading comprehension of scientific data, and in critical thinking skills. The student will also learn how to evaluate scientific data about the human Psyche from a Christian World View and how to use scientific psychology as a tool to improve their knowledge of man as the image of God.

#### **REQUIRED TEXTS AND \*KEY SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

*Invitation to Psychology*

English Standard Version Bible

#### **COURSE SCOPE AND SEQUENCE**

Introduction to Psychology 2 Weeks

*Key Concepts:* What is Psychology? Man as the Image of God. Scientific Method. Five Approaches to Psychology. Psychological Research Methods  
*Assessments:* Multiple Choice Exam and Short Answer Essay Assessments  
*Biblical Integration:* Man as the Image of God. Appropriate Bible passages will be read, explained and applied

Personality 2 Weeks

*Key Concepts:* What is Personality? Five Non-Biblical Theories of the Origin of Personality. Biblical View of the Origin of Personality. Personality Change and Conversion. Spiritual Gifts. Sin Nature.  
*Assessments:* Multiple Choice Exam and Short Answer Essay Assessments  
*Biblical Integration:* Biblical View of Personality, Spiritual Gifts and Sin Nature. Appropriate Bible passages will be read, explained and applied.

Devolopment 2 Weeks

*Key Concepts:* Development Stages. Language Development. Moral Reasoning and God's Law Written on the Heart. Parenting Theories. Biblical Parenting. Peer Influence. Bad Company Corrupts Good Morals.  
*Assessments:* Multiple Choice Exam and Short Answer Essay Assessments  
*Biblical Integration:* God's Law written on the Heart, Biblical Parenting and Bad Company Corrupts Good Morals. Appropriate Bible passages will be read, explained and applied.

Brain and Mind 2 Weeks

*Key Concepts:* The Mind - Body Problem. Two Non-biblical Solutions to the Mind - Body Problem. Biblical Solution to the Mind – Body Problem. Biblical View of Human Nature – Dichotomy or Trichotomy? Central Nervous System. Peripheral Nervous System.

*Assessments:* Multiple Choice Exam and Short Answer Essay Assessments

*Biblical Integration:* Biblical View on the Immaterial Aspect of Man's Nature, Biblical Controversy on Man's Spirit and Man's Soul. Appropriate Bible passages read, explained and applied.

Perception and Sensation 2 Weeks

*Key Concepts:* The Difference Between Sensation and Perception. The Way the Mind Organizes Perceptions. Critical Evaluation of Extra-Sensory Perception. What the Bible Teaches About the Reliability of our Senses.

*Assessments:* Multiple Choice Exam and Short Answer Essay Assessments

*Biblical Integration:* God's Holiness and the Reliability of Human Experience. Appropriate Bible passages read, explained and applied.

Learning 2 Weeks

*Key Concepts:* The Nature of Learning. Operant Conditioning. Differences Between Animal Learning and Human Learning. Thinking God's Thoughts After Him. Non-Biblical Motives of Life: Love, Pleasure and Work. Biblical Motives of Life: Love of God, Love of Our Neighbor and Love of Self.

*Assessments:* Multiple Choice Exam and Short Answer Essay Assessment

*Biblical Integration:* Biblical Theory of Knowledge, The Biblical View of Man's Heart and the Issues of Life. Appropriate Bible passages read, explained and applied.

Mental Health 2 Weeks

*Key Concepts:* Theories about Mental Illness. Approaches to Treatment and Therapy. The Effects of Sin on Mental Health. True Repentance and Faith as the Correct Way to Deal with the Effects of Sin.

*Assessments:* Multiple Choice Exam and Short Answer Essay Assessment

*Biblical Integration:* The Effects of Sin. The Nature of True Repentance and Saving Faith. Appropriate Bible passages read, explained and applied.

Review For Examination 1 Week

*Key Concepts:* The Students Will Participate in Five Days of Cumulative Review of the Key Concepts and Ideas From the Course. Chapter Tests Will Guide this Review.

*Assessments:* Multiple Choice Final Examination.

*Biblical Integration:* All Biblical Concepts and Relevant Passages will be Reviewed.