

Westmont High School - Social Science Department

The Social Science Department offers the following elective classes for 11th grade and 12th grade:

Street Law

Psychology

AP Psychology

Street Law is a college preparatory course that will analyze, evaluate, and resolve legal disputes. This course will help build critical thinking and problem-solving skills by preparing students for thoughtful, democratic engagement. Students will plan inquiries, gather evidence, draw logical conclusions, and articulate reasonable action steps that can be taken to solve problems and strengthen communities. Students will discuss issues such as liability, privacy, email confidentiality, and when to be a good Samaritan and come to someone's aid.

Psychology is the study of behavior; areas of study include learning and intelligence, problem solving, emotions, motivation, perception, sensation, personality development, and the ethics and methods of research. Students develop skills in psychological research and methods. Career choices in the field of psychology are also examined.

AP Psychology is a year-long, academic elective that is a survey course designed to offer a broad based coverage of the major subjects contained in a general psychology course and to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Additionally, careers related to this field of study are explored, as is application of this knowledge in their day to day lives. They also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice. This social science course provides deeper understanding of the motivation, and critical analysis of, human behavior in the context of the other social sciences.