
AP Psychology

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Scranton, PA



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Prerequisite:

- Be in compliance with the [SSD Honors and AP Criteria Policy](#)

This is a college level class designed to be similar to a general psychology course. Students will become acquainted with a variety of theoretical perspectives and explanations from various behaviors and outcomes. In addition, students will be introduced to research techniques utilized in the study of behavior and mental processes. Topics covered include structure and function of the brain, development through the lifespan, sensation and perception, consciousness, learning, memory, cognition, motivation, emotion and stress, development of personality, psychological disorders and treatments, as well as social psychology.

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Year-at-a-glance

Subject: AP Psychology	Grade Level: 12	Date Completed:1-21-17
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1st Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
Psychology's History and Approaches	Approved Text: <i>Psychology for AP</i>, Unit 1 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content Released AP Exams AP Review Book (Barron's)	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Research Methods	Approved Text: <i>Psychology for AP</i>, Unit 2 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content Released AP Exams AP Review Book (Barron's)	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Biological Basis of Behavior	Approved Text: <i>Psychology for AP</i>, Unit 3 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content Released AP Exams AP Review Book (Barron's)	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I

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Sensation and Perception	Approved Text: <i>Psychology for AP</i>, Unit 4 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content Released AP Exams AP Review Book (Barron's)	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
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2nd Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
Consciousness	Approved Text: <i>Psychology for AP</i> , Unit 5 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content Released AP Exams AP Review Book (Barron's)	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Learning	Approved Text: <i>Psychology for AP</i> , Unit 6 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content Released AP Exams AP Review Book (Barron's)	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Cognition	Approved Text: <i>Psychology for AP</i> , Unit 7 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content Released AP Exams AP Review Book (Barron's)	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I

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Motivation and Emotion	Approved Text: <i>Psychology for AP</i>, Unit 8 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content Released AP Exams AP Review Book (Barron's)	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
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3rd Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
Developmental Psychology	Approved Text: <i>Psychology for AP</i>, Unit 9 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content Released AP Exams AP Review Book (Barron's)	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Personality	Approved Text: <i>Psychology for AP</i>, Unit 10 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content Released AP Exams AP Review Book (Barron's)	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Intelligence	Approved Text: <i>Psychology for AP</i>, Unit 11 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content Released AP Exams AP Review Book (Barron's)	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I

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4th Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
Abnormal Psychology	Approved Text: <i>Psychology for AP</i> , Unit 12 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content Released AP Exams AP Review Book (Barron's)	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Treatments of Psychological Disorders	Approved Text: <i>Psychology for AP</i> , Unit 13 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content Released AP Exams AP Review Book (Barron's)	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Social Psychology	Approved Text: <i>Psychology for AP</i> , Unit 14 Lesson/Unit Plan Instructional Content Educational Resources Assessments Videos Web-Based Content Released AP Exams AP Review Book (Barron's)	CC.8.5.11-12.A through CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.A through CC.8.6.11-12.I
Review and Final Exam		

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General Topic	Academic Standard(s)	Essential Knowledge, Skills & Vocabulary	Resources & Activities	Assessments	Suggested Time
Psychology's History and Approaches	CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.5.11-12.G CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Psychology's History B. Approaches <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subfields 2. Historical approaches <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Structuralism, functionalism, Gestalt, behaviorism, psychoanalysis 3. Contemporary approaches <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cognitive, physiological, evolutionary, biopsychosocial 	-Text/Notes -Overhead projector and Laptop -Teacher made Worksheets -Document Projector (Elmo) -Barron's AP Psychology Review Book -Independent Packet for Module 3	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	5 days

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<p>Research Methods</p>	<p>CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I</p>	<p>A. Scientific Method, Correlation, and Experimentation B. Statistics C. Ethics</p>	<p>-Text/Notes -Overhead projector and - Laptop -Teacher made Worksheets -Document Projector (Elmo) -Barron’s AP Psychology Review Book -Articles: “The Incredible X Chromosomes” “Ethical Issues in Psychological Research” “What is Ethics and why Is it Important?” -Supplemental Statistics Packets (Independent)</p>	<p>Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.</p>	<p>8 days</p>
<p>Biological Basis of Behavior</p>	<p>CC. 8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.5.11-12.G CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I</p>	<p>A. Neural Transmitters B. Nervous System and the Endocrine System C. Neuroanatomy: Structure and Function D. Genetics and Behavior E. Evolutionary Psychology</p>	<p>-Text/Notes -Overhead projector and Laptop -Teacher made Worksheets -Document Projector (Elmo) -Barron’s AP Psychology Review Book -Brain components diagram packet -Hemispheric Organization and Biology of Consciousness Independent Packet -Nervous and Endocrine System Diagrams</p>	<p>Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.</p>	<p>12 days</p>

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<p>Sensation and Perception</p>	<p>CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.E CC.8.5.11-12.G CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.G CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I</p>	<p>A. Attention B. Thresholds and Signal Detection C. Perceptual Processes 1. Vision 2. Hearing D. Visual organization and Interpretation E. Remaining Senses</p>	<p>-Text/Notes -Overhead projector and Laptop -Teacher made Worksheets -Document Projector (Elmo) -Barron's AP Psychology Review Book -Brain Games "Focus Your Attention" and Questions -YouTube Clip on Colorblindness -Article "What is Synesthesia?" -Independent Packet, Eye and Ear Structures</p>	<p>Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.</p>	<p>10 days</p>
<p>Consciousness</p>	<p>CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.F CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.G CC.8.6.11-12.I</p>	<p>A. Hypnosis B. Sleep/Dreaming 1. Circadian Rhythm 2. Cycles/Patterns 3. Sleep Disorders C. Psychoactive Drugs</p>	<p>-Text/Notes -Overhead projector and Laptop -Teacher made Worksheets -Document Projector (Elmo) -Barron's AP Psychology Review Book -Brain Games Clip, Icehouse -60 Minutes Study and Questions, Sleep Deprivation -Articles: "Are Sleepy Students Learning?" "Dreams of Glory: Daydreaming" -Meditation Podcast, Kaiser Permanente</p>	<p>Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.</p>	<p>8 days</p>

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Learning	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.A CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Classical Conditioning/Pavlov B. Operant Conditioning/Skinner C. Applications D. Biological Factors E. Social Learning and Applications	-Text/Notes -Overhead projector and - Laptop -Teacher made Worksheets -Document Projector (Elmo) -Barron’s AP Psychology Review Book -Little Albert YouTube clip and Readings -Skinner Box Video	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	10 days
Cognition	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.A CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Memory a. Declarative, procedural, episodic, semantic b. Storage and Removal c. Forgetting B. Thinking C. Problem Solving and Creativity D. Language	-Text/Notes -Overhead projector and Laptop -Teacher made Worksheets -Document Projector (Elmo) -Barron’s AP Psychology Review Book -Brain Games, Memory Champ -Articles: “Language and the Baby’s Brain” “How Language Changes the Way We Think” “The Creativity Crisis” “How We Can Improve Students Memory” -Thinking Outside the Box Activities	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	16 days

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Motivation and Emotion	CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.A CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Theories and Biological Basis 1. Hunger, Thirst, Sex, Pain 2. Disorders B. Social Motives C. Emotion and Stress a. Physiological emotions b. Expressed emotions c. Stress and health/illness	-Text/Notes -Overhead projector and Laptop -Teacher made Worksheets -Document Projector (Elmo) -Barron's AP Psychology Review Book -Independent Packet on Emotion -Article and questions "Eating Disorders: Both Ends of the Spectrum"	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	12 days
Developmental Psychology	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.F CC.8.5.11-12.G CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.C CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Development Across the Lifespan 1. Prenatal 2. Infancy and Childhood 3. Adolescence 4. Adulthood a. Aging and Death Process B. Theories of Development a. Erikson b. Piaget c. Vygotsky d. Kohlberg C. Nature v. Nurture D. Sex and Gender Development	-Text/Notes -Overhead projector and Laptop -Teacher made Worksheets -Document Projector (Elmo) -Barron's AP Psychology Review Book -Various Articles and Studies on Romanian Orphanages -Articles "What Makes Us Moral" "The Trait Perspective" -Kohlberg's Dilemmas Worksheet -Developmental Psychologist Theory Chart	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	20 days

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Personality	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.A CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.C CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Theories and Perspectives 1. Freud 2. Modern Views and Neo-Freudians 3. Humanists B. Assessing Personality C. Growth and Adjustment 1. Trust 2. Self-efficacy	-Text/Notes -Overhead projector and Laptop -Teacher made Worksheets -Document Projector (Elmo) -Barron's AP Psychology Review Book -Various Personality Quizzes and analysis sheets	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	10 days
Intelligence	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.A CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	A. Intelligence B. Testing 1. Types of Intelligence a. Wechsler b. Binet 2. Ethics and Standards C. Genetic and Environmental Influences	-Text/Notes -Overhead projector and Laptop -Teacher made Worksheets -Document Projector (Elmo) -Barron's AP Psychology Review Book -Articles "Most Controversial Concept in Psychology" "Is Emotional Intelligence Real?" "The Mozart Effect" -Remote Associates Test -Example questions from Stanford Binet IT -Example scoring grids from Wechsler's scale	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	16 days

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<p>Abnormal Psychology</p>	<p>CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.C CC.8.5.11-12.F CC.8.5.11-12.I CC.8.6.11-12.F CC.8.6.11-12.G CC.8.6.11-12.I</p>	<p>A. Definitions and Approaches to Abnormal Behavior B. Theories of Psychopathology C. Types of Disorders 1. Anxiety, OCD, PTSD 2. Mood Disorders 3. Schizophrenia 4. Other disorders</p>	<p>-Text/Notes -Overhead projector and Laptop -Teacher made Worksheets -Document Projector (Elmo) -Barron's AP Psychology Review Book -Movies(presented after AP Exam): 3 Faces of Eve A Beautiful Mind -Articles: "Mr. Ayers and Mr. Lopez" "Men and Depression" "When Passion is the Enemy: BPD" -Classification of Disorders DSM-IV and questions</p>	<p>Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.</p>	<p>17 days</p>
<p>Treatments of Psychological Disorders</p>	<p>CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I</p>	<p>A. Approaches 1. Psychodynamic 2. humanistic B. Individual vs. Group Therapy C. Community and Preventative Approaches D. Biomedical Therapies</p>	<p>-Text/Notes -Overhead projector and Laptop -Teacher made Worksheets -Document Projector (Elmo) -Barron's AP Psychology Review Book -Case studies and outcomes -DSM-IV</p>	<p>Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.</p>	<p>10 days</p>

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Social Psychology	CC.8.5.11-12.B CC.8.5.11-12.D CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.H CC.8.6.11-12.I	<p>A. Group Dynamics and Interpersonal Perception</p> <p>B. Attribution, Attitudes, and Attitude Change</p> <p>C. Conformity, Compliance, and Obedience</p> <p>D. Cultural Influence</p> <p>E. Aggression/Antisocial Behavior</p> <p>F. Organizational Behavior</p>	<p>-Text/Notes</p> <p>-Overhead projector and Laptop</p> <p>-Teacher made Worksheets</p> <p>-Document Projector (Elmo)</p> <p>-Barron's AP Psychology Review Book</p> <p>-Articles: "Solomon Asch Experiment: A Study of Conformity" "Media Violence: Advice for Parents"</p> <p>-Video and Readings from Zimbardo's Stanford Prison Experiment</p> <p>-Milgram Experiment Readings</p>	Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.	16 days
Final Exam Review			District Approved Final Exam	Final Exam	10 days