

High School Syllabus

Department: Social Studies

Course #: 20227H

Course Title: Advanced Placement Psychology

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: AP Psychology is a full-year course designed to provide students with a broad overview of the diverse field of psychology and prepare students for the AP Psychology Exam in May. The AP Psychology course is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. They also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice. In order to achieve these goals, the majority of class time will be devoted to lectures, discussions, and extensive review sessions. However, time will also be allocated for demonstrations, experiments, and class activities; the content of which may or may not be covered in the text. Active participation in these activities will help clarify certain areas of study and should add to everyone's enjoyment of the class.

REQUIRED TOPICS OF STUDY	SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME	STANDARDS/ ELIGIBLE CONTENT
Unit 1: Scientific Foundations of Psychology (10-14%) Unit I – History and Approaches Unit II – Research Methods	8/27-8/29 9/4 – 9/19	Standard Area: Perspectives in Psychological Science Standard Area: Research Methods, Measurement, and Statistics
Unit 2: Biological Bases of Behavior (8 – 10%) Unit III – Biological Bases of Behavior Unit V, States of Consciousness <i>Note: does not include Hypnosis (not included in the 2019-20 AP Psych exam)</i>	9/20-10/11 11/1-11/7	Standards Area: Biological Bases of Behavior Standard Area: Consciousness
Unit 3: Sensation and Perception (6 – 8%) Unit IV, Sensation and Perception	10/15 – 10/31	Standard Area: Sensation and Perception
Unit 4: Learning (7 – 9 %) Unit VI, Learning	11/11 – 11/26	Standard Area: Learning

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Unit 5: Cognitive Psychology (13 – 17%) Unit VII – Cognition Unit XI – Testing and Individual Differences	11/27-12/20 3/5 – 3/11	Standard Area: Memory Standard Area: Thinking Standard Area: Intelligence
Unit 6 Developmental Psychology (7 – 9%) Unit IX, Developmental Psychology	1/22-2/11	Standard Area: Life Span Development
Unit 7: Motivation, Emotion, and Personality (11-15%) Unit VIII, Motivation, Emotion, and Stress, Unit X, Personality	1/2 – 1/21 2/13 – 3/3	Standard Area: Motivation Standard Area: Emotion Standard Area: Personality
Unit 8: Clinical Psychology (12 -16%) Unit XII, Abnormal Behavior Unit XIII, Treatment of Abnormal Behavior	3/12 – 3/24 3/25 – 3/30	Standard Area: Psychological Disorders Standard Area: Treatment of Psychological Disorders
Unit 9: Social Psychology (8 -10%) Unit XIV, Social Psychology	4/1 – 4/17	Standard Area: Social Interactions
Review for AP Exam	TBA	
After the AP Exam - Final Projects	TBA	
<i>AP Exam Monday May 12th 2020 at noon</i>		

RESOURCES: Myers, D. G. (2011). *Myers' psychology for AP2ed*. New York: Worth Publishers.

-Psychology-related articles from online news sources, Frontline, TOPPS, Teaching High School Psychology Blog, and Psychology Today

- Parents and students are encouraged to use the Parent Portal “Quick Links” on the school district website to monitor grades.