

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PSYCHOLOGY

2024-2025

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 will learn to assess, analyze and interpret psychological materials as they relate to a given topic. Course topics include the major subfields of the discipline, including personality, consciousness, biological psychology, lifespan development, learning, sensation, perception, emotion, motivation, cognition, experimental methods, memory, mental disorders, treatment methods, and social psychology. Students will also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice. This course prepares the students to take the Advanced Placement Psychology test.

Summer Assignment:

*Your Summer Assignment requires online access and/or library resources. If you cannot access the Internet from home, all public libraries have numerous computers for public use. You will also need several notecards (the size is up to you).

All of the notecards are due on the first day of class.

You must create flashcards (paper cards- NOT digital flashcards) for the following words (vocabulary from the first chapter that we will cover, along with notable psychologists, and perspectives of Psychology). It is important that you look them up and define them in reference to Psychology. Cards will be handed in and as the year progresses you will add many more cards to your collection. These will be used when studying for chapter exams as well as the AP Exam in May.

- Psychology
- Hindsight bias
- Descriptive methods
- Naturalistic observation
- Participant observation
- Case study
- Survey research
- Population
- Sample
- Random sampling
- Correlational study
- Variable
- Random assignment
- Histogram
- Validity
- Falsifiable
- Single-blind procedure
- Independent variable
- Dependent variable
- Experimental group
- Quantitative research
- Qualitative research
- Peer reviewers
- Theory
- Hypothesis
- Scatterplot
- Illusory correlation
- Informed consent
- Control group
- Placebo effect
- Placebo group
- Double-blind procedure
- Mean
- Median
- Mode
- Range
- Standard deviation

For these notecards describe each of the main perspectives within psychology listed below and give an example of the type of research a person might do within that perspective:

- Biological
- Evolutionary
- Behavioral
- Psychodynamic
- Behavioral
- Cognitive
- Social Cultural

For these notecards identify the following important figures in psychology (include his or her most significant contributions (theory/experiment/study/etc.):

- Albert Bandura
- Abraham Maslow
- Carl Rogers
- Howard Gardner
- Erik Erikson
- Ivan Pavlov
- Sigmund Freud
- William James
- B.F. Skinner
- Jean Piaget
- Wilhelm Wundt
- Philip Zimbardo
- John Watson
- Lawrence Kohlberg
- Charles Darwin

Due Date: The first day of class (59 notecards in total)

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