

Welcome to AP Psychology!

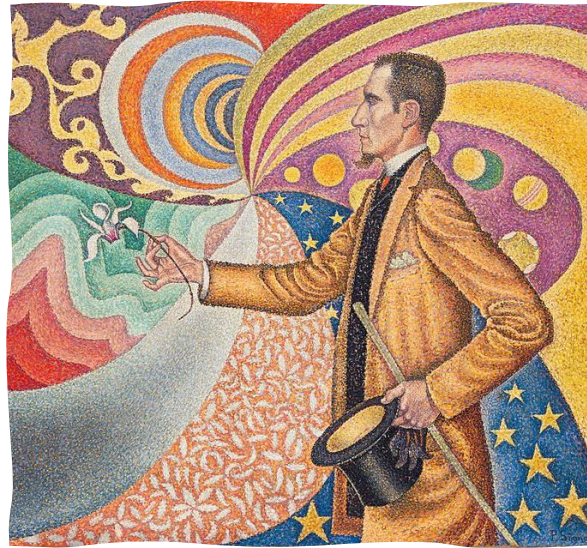
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AP Psychology

Student Reported Workload	Teacher Report Workload
2.7 Hours Per Week	4 Hours Per Week Class contains projects that will necessitate outside collaboration and work

Pre-requisites	80 in AP sophomore/junior class OR 90 in on-level sophomore/junior class
Course Summary	The AP Psychology course introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. While considering the psychologists and studies that have shaped the field, students explore and apply psychological theories, key concepts, and phenomena associated with such topics as the biological bases of behavior, sensation and perception, learning and cognition, motivation, developmental psychology, testing and individual differences, treatments of psychological disorders, and social psychology. Throughout the course, students employ psychological research methods, including ethical considerations, as they use the scientific method, evaluate claims and evidence, and effectively communicate ideas.
Essential Skills	Advanced critical reading and writing abilities are necessary; pacing demands high degree of independent learning ; math and graph literacy are important



Units: Major Topics

- Fall Semester:
 - Scientific Foundations of Psychology
 - Biological Bases of Behavior
 - Sensation and Perception
 - Learning

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- Spring Semester:
 - Cognitive Psychology
 - Developmental Psychology
 - Motivation, Emotion, and Personality
 - Clinical Psychology
 - Social Psychology

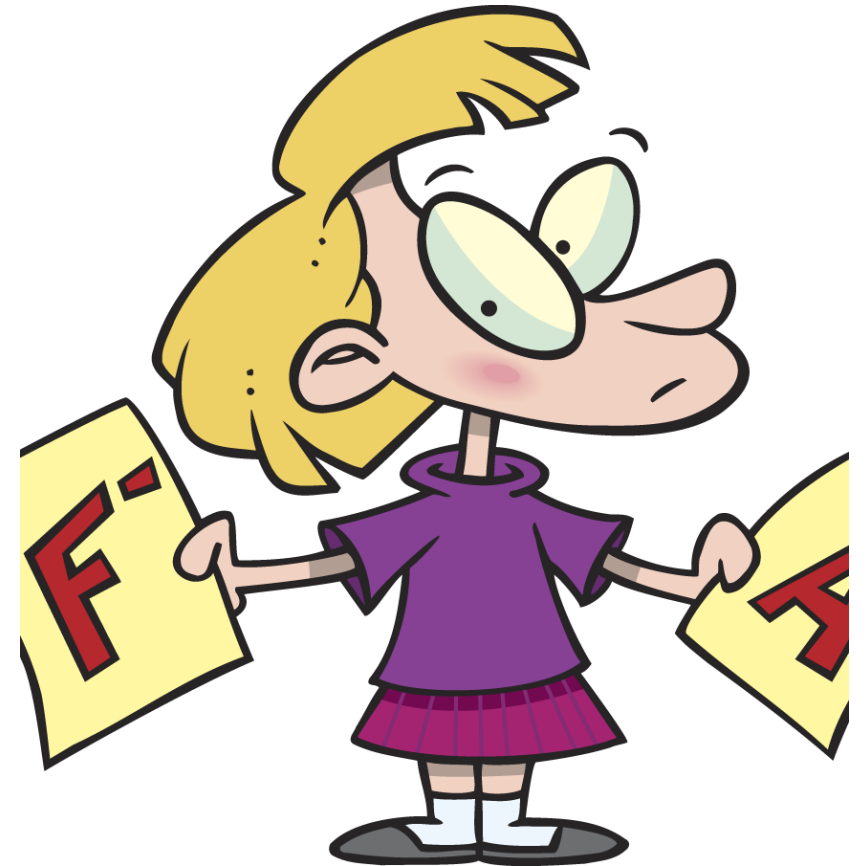


Course Grades

Major Grades: Unit Tests / Major Projects	55%
Minor Grades: Quizzes / Mini- Projects	35%
Practice Grades: Daily or Weekly Assignments/Activities	10%

Course Grades (continued)

- Major Grades:
 - Most unit tests are two days: Multiple Choice and Free Response
 - Unit Projects are typically collaborative, but may be individual
 - Recovery Policy: Each major grade can be recovered for up to 75%
- Minor Grades:
 - Vocabulary Quizzes
 - Mini Projects (any project we spend 1-2 days on)
- Practice:
 - Practice handouts, practice FRQs, etc.



AP Exam

2/3 Multiple-Choice (100
questions/70 minutes)

1/3 Free-Response (2
Questions/50 minutes)

Expectations

- Daily Life:

- Discussion-based lectures
- Group projects
- Engaging class Activities
- AP Exam prep (FRQ/MCQ practice)

- Road to Success:

- Attendance is critical
- Review notes!
- Keep up with textbook reading (or any extra readings assigned in class)
- Schedule help sessions ASAP
 - Friday tutoring generally available
- Memorize terms
- Class review sessions
- Put away the cell phone!!



College Board Credit

- AP Psychology is a college level course that can earn up to 3 college credits depending on the score on the AP exam in May.



Questions?