



AP PSYCHOLOGY

Insert Teacher Name

Insert Room

Number

Insert Full Year/Semester

Insert Period

Insert Email Address

COURSE DESCRIPTION

“AP Psychology introduces students to the systematic scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. While considering the studies that have shaped the field, students explore and apply psychological theories, key concepts, and phenomena associated with major units of study, including biological bases of behavior, cognition, development, learning, social psychology, personality, and mental and physical health. Throughout the course, students apply psychological concepts and employ psychological research methods and data interpretation to evaluate claims, consider evidence, and effectively communicate ideas.” (AP Psychology CED, 6)

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will be able to:

- Recognize the strengths and limitations of applying theories to explain behavior;
- Predict and debate the validity of various psychological perspectives and measurements;
- Record, organize, analyze, and interpret data.
- Analyze and evaluate psychological concepts and conclusions; and
- Anticipate the impact and implications of psychological interpretations of behavior.

UNITS OF STUDY

- Unit 1: Scientific Practices
- Unit 2: Biological Bases of Behavior
- Unit 3: Cognition
- Unit 4: Development and Learning
- Unit 5: Social Psychology and Personality
- Unit 6: Mental and Physical Health

COURSE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

GRADING (see FPS BOE [Policy 6154.1AR](#) and [Policy 6146.1AR](#))

Cumulative/In-Progress Grade:

- 10% of the grade will be based on formative assessments, homework completion, or behavior.
- 90% will be based on summative assessments based on a minimum of eight assessments.

Individual Tests, Projects, Performance Tasks, Mid-Chapter Tests, Summative Quizzes, Written Papers, Labs, etc.

End-of-the-Year Grade:

- 80% of the overall course grade will reflect the student’s mastery of course content and skills during the school year through the Cumulative/In-Progress Grade.
- 10% of the End-of-the-Year course grade will be based on the Mid-Year Assessment

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- 10% of the End-of-the-Year course grade will be based on the Final Assessment.

Grade Reporting

- All grades will be communicated through Infinite Campus
- Summative assessment results will be reported back to the student within ten school days from the date of submission or the due date.

Guidelines for Late Work:

- Late work will be accepted for both summative and formative tasks within a defined timeline agreed upon between the student and the teacher.
- The total points may be reduced as a penalty for late work.

As outlined in the Student Parent Handbook, academic dishonesty is defined as, “*plagiarizing another person’s work from any resource and submitting it as one’s own, and/ or plagiarizing by paraphrasing or using parts of another person’s work (ideas, text, images, etc.) without citing it as a resource in context or in a footnote.*” Consequently, submitting text from ChatGPT or other generative artificial intelligence programs will be considered plagiarism and will be addressed as such within our Academic Integrity Policy.

Insert Additional Grading Information Here

MATERIALS

Insert Course Materials Here (ie. Textbook, Binder, Calculator, Highlighters)

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

Insert Course Expectations Here

EXTRA HELP

Insert Course Expectations Here

Insert Additional Information Here