

Welcome to AP Psychology!

We hope this finds you and your family safe and well, and that this summer allows you time to relax. We look forward to learning with you about a field of study that is both relevant and exciting. The course on AP Psychology is a college-level Introduction to Psychology course and will be treated as such. It is a course comprising fourteen topics, each of which will be covered throughout the upcoming academic year.

The following are two assignments, along with the dates on which they are due for completion.

Assignment 1: History of Psychology

Attached is a chapter that addresses the history of Psychology as a discipline. Read up on 6 of the more critical schools of Psychology: Structuralism, Functionalism, Psychodynamic, Behaviorism, Cognitive, and Socio-Cultural.

Each school of Psychology provides a unique way to look at human feelings, actions and thoughts. Each perspective may have an entirely different explanation for the same situation.

Once you grasp the scope of the perspectives, you will be able to understand the next step. Think of THREE experiences in your life that made an impression on you (for example, winning a championship, being fired from a job, etc.) and analyze each of the experiences from the perspective of the six schools of Psychology. Essentially, you are asking the question:

How would a Psychologist from that school of thought view this life experience of mine?

Thus, with experience #1 you will view it through the lens of Structuralism, Functionalism, Psychodynamic, Behaviorism, Cognitive, and Socio-Cultural. The same will be true of experiences 2 AND 3.

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Due Date: September 5, 2025

Specifications: Typed, double-spaced.

Assignment 2: Research

The second topic to be addressed in the class is Research: what it is, why it is conducted, how it is conducted, and the ethics of research. In preparation for this topic, I ask you to:

Read the attached Doctoral Dissertation. Simply read it to understand the following:

- The Purpose of the Study
- The Literature Review, which provides background for the study
- The Methodology
- The significant Results
- The Limitations of the Study

Santoro Dissertation Link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RPaEwreZJ1QuBNNeB9wl6VIMyy0aWTqT1rOaeAwR_9Y/edit#heading=hgjd_gxs

Date due: Friday, September 12, 2025

If you have any questions regarding these assignments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

ALSO, PLEASE NOTIFY ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS EMAIL.

Enjoy your summer,

Fr. Murray, OSA, and Dr. Devine