AP Psychology
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AP Psychology Fact Sheet

Basic Course Description:

The purpose of the Advanced Placement course in Psychology is to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of 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 learn about the methods psychologists use in their science and practice. The aim of this course is to provide the student with a learning experience equivalent to that obtained in the college introductory psychology classes.

AP Psychology is a highly structured, very demanding course. Students are required to thoroughly read the college-level text and to augment this material through research and reading supplemental articles. One of the primary objectives of this course is to expose students to all areas of information covered on the AP examination. A daily schedule of study is required to meet the expectations of this course.

Textbook: Zimbardo, Philip **Psychology, AP Edition** 2007 and
Myers, David **Myers' Psychology for the AP® Course for the AP® Course 4th ed.** 2024

Course Progression:

Methods, Approaches, History	Biological Bases of Behavior	Cognition
Sensation and Perception	States of Consciousness	Learning
Motivation and Emotion	Developmental Psychology	Personality
Testing and Individual Differences	Abnormal Psychology	Social Psychology
Treatment of Psychological Disorders		

AP Test Format: 100 Multiple Choice Questions - 70 minutes
worth 2/3 of total score
2 Free-response questions - 50 minutes
worth 1/3 of total score

% Questions	Topics
2-4%	history
8-10%	methods and approaches
8-10%	biological bases of behavior
6-8%	sensation and perception
2-4%	states of consciousness
7-9%	learning
8-10%	cognition
6-8%	motivation and emotion
7-9%	developmental psychology
5-7%	personality
5-7%	testing and individual differences
7-9%	abnormal psychology
5-7%	treatment of psychological disorders
8-10%	social psychology

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