

AP Psychology

Course Description

This course is designed to present an experience equivalent to an undergraduate introductory psychology course. Students will learn about the field of psychology through an in-depth study, discussion, and science practices. The course content is guided by College Board's current AP® Psychology Course and Exam Description. Course Outline: This is a yearlong class.

Textbooks & Resources

- Notebook (dedicated to AP Psychology)
- Pens/pencils (most work must be handwritten)
- AP Classroom via College Board (required)
- Google Classroom for announcements and resources

Course Objectives & Outcomes

- Apply psychological perspectives, theories, and concepts to real-world examples.
- Evaluate research designs, including variables, placebo, and bias.
- Analyze and interpret psychological data.
- Write AP-style FRQs using evidence to justify conclusions.
 - Develop academic vocabulary to explain psychological concepts.

Grading Policy

- **Assessments (60%):** Unit exams, quizzes every 1–2 weeks, AP-style FRQs.
- **Classwork & Projects (30%):** Daily practice, discussions, AP Science Practice activities (SP1–SP4) Projects.
- **Homework (10%):** Reading checks, vocabulary review, practice FRQs.

Assessments

- Quizzes: Short checks on vocabulary, concepts, and research methods.



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- Exams: AP-style multiple-choice + FRQs.
- Projects: Celebrity Brain Project, developmental theory project.
- Science Practice Activities (SP1–SP4) will count as assessments.

Responsibilities

- Student Responsibilities:
 - Bring required materials daily.
 - Participate actively in discussions and group work.
 - Complete handwritten assignments on time.
 - Dedicate 3–5 hours of independent study per week.
- Teacher Responsibilities:
 - Provide engaging lessons and AP-style practice.
 - Offer timely feedback and communicate with students/families.
 - Provide extra help during office hours or by appointment.

Academic Integrity

All work must be handwritten and original. AI-generated work, plagiarism, or cheating will result in a zero, parent contact, and possible disciplinary action.

Support Services & Office Hours

- SPED and ELL support are available (word banks, scaffolds, graphic organizers).
- Tutoring: Fridays during Lunch & Learn.
- Additional support by appointment: Mon/Wed/Fri (7th period), Tue/Thu (1st period).

Pacing Guide

Trimester	Weeks	Topics/Units	Assessments/Projects	Science Practices (SP1–SP4)



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Term 1 (Sept–Nov)	Weeks 1–2	Unit 0: Foundations of Psychology	Vocab quiz; FRQ on hypotheses/variables	SP2 – Research Methods
	Weeks 3–5	Unit 1: Biological Bases of Behavior	MCQ quiz on brain structures; Celebrity Brain Project	SP1 – Concept Application
	Weeks 6–7	Unit 1 cont. – Sensation & Perception	Quiz on thresholds & illusions; AP Practice MC	SP3 – Data Analysis
	Week 8	AP-style review	FRQ (Research Design)	SP2 & SP4
Term 2 (Dec–Feb)	Week 9	Cumulative Exam (Unit 0– 1)	Unit Exam (MCQ + FRQ)	SP1–SP4
	Weeks 10–12	Unit 2: Cognition	Quiz on memory; FRQ on cognition errors	SP1, SP3
	Weeks 13–16	Unit 3: Development & Learning	Quiz on learning; Developmental Theory Project	SP2, SP4

	Weeks 17–18	Unit 3 cont. & Review	FRQ practice; AP MC quiz	SP1–SP4
	Week 19	Unit Exam (Units 2–3)	AP-style Unit Exam	SP1–SP4
Term 3 (Mar–May)	Weeks 20–22	Unit 4: Social & Personality Psychology	Quiz on conformity & obedience; FRQ on personality	SP1, SP4
	Weeks 23–25	Unit 5: Mental & Physical Health	Quiz on disorders; Treatment Comparison FRQ	SP1, SP2
	Weeks 26–28	Unit 5 cont. & AP Review	SP4 Argument Essay; Mock MCQ Quiz	SP4
	Weeks 29–30	Full AP Exam Review	Full-length Mock Exam	SP1–SP4



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	May 5	AP Exam	Official College Board Exam	N/A
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AP Exam Preparation Plan

- Review weeks before the exam.
- Mock Exam given in April.
- Use AP Classroom practice tools.
- Focused review sessions during Term 3.

Exam Overview

The AP Psychology Exam assesses student understanding of the skills and learning objectives outlined in the course framework. The exam is 2 hours and 40 minutes long and includes 75 multiple-choice questions and 2 free-response questions, each weighted equally. The details of the exam, including exam weighting and timing, can be found below:

Section	Question Type	Number of Questions	Exam Weighting	Timing
I	Multiple-Choice Questions	75	66.7%	90 minutes
II	Free-Response Questions	2	33.3%	70 minutes
	Question 1: Article Analysis Question	1	16.65%	
	Question 2: Evidence-Based Question	1	16.65%	

Note:

This syllabus and pacing guide outline our plan for AP Psychology 2025–2026. Adjustments may be made as needed to support student learning or school schedules.

Acknowledgment

I have read and understood the AP Psychology Syllabus for the 2025–2026 academic year.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____