

AP Psychology Syllabus

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AP EXAM: MAY 4th, 2015

Seniors / Juniors

1 Credit

Possible College Credit

Course Description

AP Psychology is a dual-credit class designed to provide high school and college credit. Students must pass the AP Exam in the spring with a score of 3-5. Colleges and universities require different scores to receive college credit. Be sure to check which score your college requires.

The AP Psychology course is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the 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 also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice.

AP Exam Success

Performing well on an AP Exam means more than just the successful completion of a course; it is a pathway to success in college. Research consistently shows that students who score a 3 or higher on AP Exams typically experience greater academic success in college and are more likely to graduate on time than otherwise comparable non-AP peers.

Additional AP studies are available at www.collegeboard.org/apresearchsummaries.

Scoring the Exam

An AP Exam score of 5 is equivalent to the average score among college students earning grades of A in the college course. Similarly, AP Exam scores of 4 are equivalent to college grades of A, B+, and B. AP Exam scores of 3 are equivalent to college grades of B-, C+, and C.

AP Score Qualification

- 5 Extremely well qualified
- 4 Well qualified
- 3 Qualified
- 2 Possibly qualified
- 1 No recommendation

Grading

A	90%
B	80%
C	70%
D	60%

Semester Grade

1 st Quarter	40%
2 nd Quarter	40%
<u>Final Exam</u>	<u>20%</u>
Grade	100%

Grades

- Tests
- Quizzes
- Class or Group Work
- Participation
- Homework

Assignments

- All assignments have a due date.
- Assignments will be turned in at the beginning of the class unless otherwise stated.
- Any assignment turned in after initially collected is considered late.
 - End of class or day -10% / next morning -20% / zero

Attendance / Homework & Tests

- If you are absent, homework will be placed in the back of the classroom with your name. If nothing is there for you, double check with me.
- Check with me to arrange a makeup date for homework
- Tests will be modified for students who do not attend class on Test dates ... expect Essays ☺
 - Class party (week of winter break) for the class with the best attendance on test days?
 - Four American History Classes ... everyone in class must be in to participate.

Cell Phones

- Adhere to school usage policies
- Off and placed in the center of the table

Computer Usage

- Adhere to district usage policies
- Students caught working on other assignments or browsing topics unrelated to class will be given:
 - 1st Offense – 0 points for the day (daily participation, classwork, homework)
 - 2nd Offense – 0 points for the day plus referral

Tardies

- Be in your seat when the bell rings or you are tardy

Behavior

- You're Juniors and I will treat you like young adults until you change my mind
- Treat others as you would like to be treated
- Be respectful to your peers and teacher
- Raise your hand so others have a chance to answer
- Bullying ... no one person or group is above anyone else
- Stupid questions ... there is such a thing.
- Sleeping ... you can sit outside in the hot hallway then receive your referral ... before going to the AC.

Food & Drinks

- No drinks in class
- Food ... NOPE
- Gum ... I don't care as long as it ends up in the trash can
- Candy ... don't be disruptive (i.e. slow opening a wrapper doesn't make it quieter)
- Skittles ... 5 Skittle Teacher Tax (for student to eat in class; otherwise put them away)
 - If you skimp on the Teacher Tax and smuggle them from pocket to mouth, the Teacher gets all of them to pass out ... or the entire class loses all candy privileges.

Learn & Have Fun!