

AP Psychology

Syllabus 2023 - 2024

Description

We will follow College Board's Course and Exam Description (CED), which is available at the AP Central website. This document outlines nine major units.

- Unit 1: Scientific Foundations of Psychology
- Unit 2: Biological Bases of Behavior
- Unit 3: Sensation and Perception
- Unit 4: Learning
- Unit 5: Cognitive Psychology
- Unit 6: Developmental Psychology
- Unit 7: Motivation, Emotion, and Personality
- Unit 8: Clinical Psychology
- Unit 9: Social Psychology

Additional details may be found in the CED.

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Grading Scale

ALL students are expected to take the AP End of Course Examination. Students should not expect to pass this class unless they are able to pass the AP Exam. Letter grades are targeted to reflect the students projected AP Exam Score.

AP Score	Letter Grade
5	A
4	B
3	C
2	D
1	F

Grade Components

Classwork: 20%

Homework: 10%

Quizzes: 20%

Exams: 50%

Classwork consists of attendance and participation in discussion, and activities such as team quizzes, worksheets, and other group work. Classwork activities are normally be graded on a scale of zero to ten.

Homework consists of reading checks. These are short (ten minute) assessment wherein students demonstrate that they have done the reading.

Quizzes are about twenty minutes long and occur weekly on Friday, and may cover recent or accumulated material. These will be graded on a scale of zero to ten.

Examinations are an hour long written assessments. As the year progresses, these will become increasingly similar to actual AP exams. They will be graded on a scale of zero to one hundred points. Examinations will be categorized as *tests* (30 %) or as *projects* (20 %).

Course Outline

This course outline is an approximation and is subject change as we proceed.

Semester	Week	Monday	Unit	Topic	Myers (3rd)
1	1	07/31/23	1 - Foundations	History	N1 - N3
1	2	08/07/23	1 - Foundations	Methods	N4 - N5
1	3	08/14/23	1 - Foundations	Statistics	N6 - N8
1	4	08/21/23	2 - Bio Basis	Neurons; Nervous and Endocrine System	N9 - N10
1	5	08/28/23	2 - Bio Basis	Brain Structures	N11 - N13
1	6	09/04/23	2 - Bio Basis	Genetics and Evolution	N14 - N15
1	7	09/11/23	3 - Sensation	Sensation and Perception	N20 - N21
1	8	09/18/23	3 - Sensation	Vision	N22 - N23
1	9	09/25/23	3 - Sensation	Hearing and Other Senses	N24 - N25
1		10/04/23		Fall Break	
1	10	10/09/23	4 - Learning	Classical Conditioning	N26
1	11	10/16/23	4 - Learning	Operant Conditioning	N27 - N28
1	12	10/23/23	4 - Learning	Observational Learning	N29 - N30
1	13	10/30/23	5 - Cognitive	Memory and Encoding	N31
1	14	11/06/23	5 - Cognitive	Storing and Retrieving	N32
1	15	11/13/23	5 - Cognitive	Forgetting and Distortion	N33
1	16	11/20/23	5 - Cognitive	Thanksgiving Short Week	
1	17	11/27/23	5 - Cognitive	Thinking	N34 - N35
1	18	12/04/23	5 - Cognitive	Language	N36
1	19	12/11/23	5 - Cognitive	Intelligence	N37 - N41
		12/18/23		Winter Break	
		12/25/23		Winter Break	
		01/01/24		Winter Break	
2	1	01/08/24	6 - Development	Childhood	N42 - N45
2	2	01/15/24	6 - Development	Adolescence and Gender	N46 - N49
2	3	01/22/24	6 - Development	Adulthood and Morality	N50 - N51
2	4	01/29/24	7 - Personality	Motivation	N52 - N55
2	5	02/05/24	7 - Personality	Emotion and Stress	N56 - N59
2	6	02/12/24	7 - Personality	Personality (Psychoanalytic, Behaviorism)	N60 - N61
2	7	02/19/24	7 - Personality	Personality (Humanistic, Traits)	N62 - N64
2	8	02/26/24	8 - Abnormal	Overview, Anxiety	N65 - N66
2	9	03/04/24	8 - Abnormal	Mood, Schizophrenia	N67 - N68
2		03/11/24		Spring Break	
2	10	03/18/24	8 - Abnormal	Personality Disorders	N69
2	11	03/25/24	8 - Abnormal	Treatment of Disorders	N70 - N73
2	12	04/01/24	9 - Social	Attribution, Attitudes, Conformity	N74 - N75
2	13	04/08/24	9 - Social	Group Behavior, Prejudice	N76 - N77
2	14	04/15/24	9 - Social	Aggression and Attraction	N78 - N79
2	15	04/22/24	9 - Social	Conflict and Altruism	N80
2	16	04/29/24		Review	
2	17	05/06/24		Review	
2	18	05/13/24		Review	
2	19	05/20/24		Short Week	