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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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 %). Examinations will closely resemble the AP end of course exam.

Course Outline

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

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