



AP PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE INFORMATION

- Junior and or senior standing
- Two semesters
- One credit/3 or higher on AP test generally earns college credit
- Teacher: Ms. Korbas
- Supplies needed:
 - Three-ring binder
 - Lined paper
 - Dividers (approximately 14)
 - Highlighters
 - Index cards
 - Review book (not required, but very helpful)

UNITS OF STUDY

- **History and Approaches**
 - History of Psychology, Approaches, Subfields of Psychology
- **Research Methods**
 - Experimental, Correlational, and Clinical Research, Statistics, Ethics, Standardization and Norms, Reliability, Validity, Intelligence
- **Biological Basis of Behavior**
 - Physiological Techniques, Neuroanatomy, Nervous System, Neural Transmission, Neuroplasticity, Endocrine System, Genetics, Evolutionary Psychology
- **States of Consciousness**
 - Sleeping, Dreaming, Hypnosis, Psychoactive Drugs
- **Sensation and Perception**
 - Thresholds, Sensory Mechanisms, Attention, Perceptual Processes
- **Development**
 - Nature vs. Nurture, Developmental Theories, Dimensions of Development (Physical, Moral, Social, Cognitive), Sex and Gender
- **Cognition**
 - Memory, Language, Thinking, Problem Solving, and Creativity
- **Learning**
 - Classical and Operant Conditioning, Cognitive Processes, Biological Factors, Social Learning
- **Motivation**
 - Biological Bases, Theories of Motivation, Social Motives, Theories of Emotion, Stress
- **Personality**
 - Theories, Assessment, Growth and Adjustment,
- **Abnormal**
 - Definitions, Theories, Diagnosis, Types, Treatment
- **Social**
 - Groups, Attribution, Interpersonal Perception, Conformity, Compliance, Obedience, Attitudes, Aggression, Culture

COURSE DESCRIPTION

“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.”

-Cited from College Board course description