

AP Psychology

Course Description:

The AP Psychology course introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. While considering the psychologists and studies that have shaped the field, students explore and apply psychological theories, key concepts, and phenomena associated with such topics as the biological bases of behavior, sensation and perception, learning and cognition, motivation, developmental psychology, testing and individual differences, treatments of psychological disorders, and social psychology. Throughout the course, students employ psychological research methods, including ethical considerations, as they use the scientific method, evaluate claims and evidence, and effectively communicate ideas.

Academic Suitability:

Students should be open to learning new things that they may have not learned before. Students should be able to read a college-level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences.

Out of Class Commitment:

Students should expect to spend 5-8 hours per week outside of class working on this course.

Summer Suggested Preparation:

Students can purchase the Barron's *AP Psychology Test Prep* book and begin to work through the material.

School Issued Text Name:

Myer's Psychology (BFW)

Additional Resources:

Barron's *AP Psychology Test Prep*

