

Course Outline

Course organization: This course covers the 14 major content areas outlined in the AP Psychology Course Description. The 14 content areas are organized into 6 units. Each chapter is assessed through a series of chapter quizzes and a chapter test. Each completed unit is evaluated through a Free Response essay specific to the unit theme. In addition, there are internet assignments, assigned readings and research topics that contribute to the student's grade.

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Unit One – Introduction

- Historical and Modern Approaches
- Research Methodologies

Unit Two – The Biology of Psychology

- The Brain and neuronal function
- The Central Nervous System
- Sensation and Perception
- States of Consciousness

Unit Three - Cognition

- Learning – Classical and Operant Conditioning
- Types of Memory
- Intelligence, Thought and Language

Unit Four – The Individual and Psychology and Developmental Psychology

- Motivation and Emotion
- Social Psychology

Unit Five – Personality and Assessment

- Freudian and Humanistic Theories
- Social, Cognitive and Trait Theories

Unit Six – Disordered Behavior and Therapies

- Assessment and Anxiety Disorders
- Mood Disorder and Schizophrenia

- Therapies