

# AP Psychology

Dear prospective AP Psych Students,

The Advanced Placement Psychology course is intended to give students a college-level experience of an introductory Psychology class. The course will involve a rigorous exploration of a variety of Psychology topics. In this upcoming year in AP Psychology you will have the following expectations:

- To bring a solid attitude to class every single day.
- Complete outside readings after every class in preparation for the next class.
- Expect a minimum of 1 quiz each week over material we have covered in class, or over outside reading materials.
- Complete several Free-Response Questions in class to prepare for the AP test.
- Be prepared for a Unit test over every one of the 14 required areas of study according to the College Board® Advanced Placement curriculum. We will start taking larger tests (over multiple Units at once) as the school year progresses to get ready for the bulk of information covered in the AP Exam
- Take the AP Psychology Test in May.

The topics we cover this year in class will include all of the required AP areas of study:

- History and Approaches
- Research methods and Statistics
- Developmental Psychology
- Learning
- Biological Basis of Behavior
- Memory and Cognition
- Motivation and Emotion/Stress
- Sensation/Perception
- States of Consciousness
- Personality
- Abnormal Psychology
- Treatment
- Testing and Individual Differences
- Social Psychology

The AP Psychology Test that you are required to take in May consists of two parts:

- 100 Multiple Choice questions (70 minutes)
- 2 Free Response Questions (50 minutes)

My goal is to prepare you as best I can to pass this test with a score of 3, 4, or 5. This will take dedication on your part to buy-in to what we are trying to accomplish in class every day. It will undoubtedly be a difficult class, because AP classes should challenge you. But, if you do all the things that I ask of you in class, display a good work ethic outside of class (in studying and completing outside readings), and dedicate yourself to getting the most you can out of this class.....then you WILL be successful.

We will do many projects, simulations, experiments, and activities in class throughout the year. So, come in August ready to learn a ton, get involved, and have a fun time learning the basics of Psychology

See you this fall,



Mr. Jared Turner