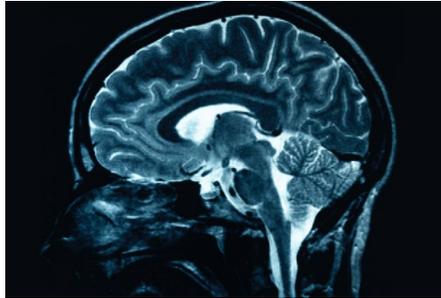


Who should take AP Psychology?

- College bound students
- Students that would like to earn some college credit hours in high school (saving \$ and time!)
- It is a good place to start if you've never taken an AP class and/or test before
- Those students interested in earning an Honors Diploma
- IB students may select SL Psych as part of their group six



In AP Psychology, students learn the major parts of the brain as well as the functions that each is responsible for. There is biology, sociology, math, chemistry and anatomy intertwined within this social science.

HOW TO SUCCEED IN AP PSYCHOLOGY :

- Read the textbook as assigned! This is the number one problem of students with a C or lower– they are simply not reading!
- Take notes as we move through lecture and discussion. Use Cornell Notes or a system that works for you. Research indicates that taking notes helps with information retention.
- Ask questions and be involved!



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Why take AP Psychology?

- Those interested in the study of human behavior
- Those interested in how thoughts and behaviors influence us
- The course material is fun and we learn many new things every day through our in-depth discussions regarding the material
- This is a class that has so many real life applications, students are usually very interested in the material



COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The purpose of this course is to prepare students to take the AP Psychology College Board Exam in May. By earning a 3 or better (out of 5) all public state schools must give students 3 credit hours towards college graduation.

COURSE TOPICS:

Material Covered—Semester 1

- ⇒ History of Psychology
- ⇒ Research methods
- ⇒ Leading theories and perspectives
- ⇒ How stress and health are related
- ⇒ Sensation and perception
- ⇒ The brain, neurons and the nervous system
- ⇒ Memory
- ⇒ Levels of consciousness
- ⇒ Thinking, language acquisition and IQ

Material Covered—Semester 2

- ⇒ Developmental psychology
- ⇒ Sexual and gender issues
- ⇒ Personality
- ⇒ Disorders
- ⇒ Therapy
- ⇒ Social interaction and bystander situations



COURSE GRADES:

Grades are based on points earned divided by points possible. Most points will come from evaluations such as tests and projects.

There is homework generally every night, however it is usually reading. Reading is a huge part of this class. Note-taking is encouraged daily as we navigate through PowerPoint presentations and discuss the material.