

AP Psychology 12

Burnaby North Secondary

2017-2018

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Welcome to AP Psychology 12! The purpose of AP Psychology is 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.

Let's face it... human beings are fascinated by each other. Just think about how much time we spend watching other people's behaviour. We watch people on TV, in the movies, online/social networks (Facebook! Twitter! Instagram! Snapchat!), and in our daily lives. We buy trashy magazines like "People" and "US" and watch Reality Television (Bachelor, Survivor, & Big Brother) because we are curious about how people will act and what they will do. Psychologists are interested in behaviour as well as the mental processes, thoughts, ideas, and understandings behind them. Psychologists ask questions such as:

What are the reasons behind our actions? What happens when someone is "mentally ill"? How are fears created? Does my brain control me, or do I control it? How much of "me" was determined genetically at birth, and how much was acquired by experience and learning? Why do we dream? Is there ESP? What shapes personality? How do we learn? What do twin studies tell us about the nature/nurture debate?

Course Objectives:

- ✓ Students will prepare to do acceptable work on the AP Psychology Exam.
- ✓ Students will study the major core concepts and theories of psychology. They will be able to define key terms and use them in their everyday vocabulary.
- ✓ Students will learn the basic skills of psychological research and be able to apply psychological concepts to their own lives.
- ✓ Students will develop critical thinking skills.

Textbook:

- Myers, David G. Myers' Psychology for AP. Worth Publishers, NY 2011.

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AP Psychology Exam Date: **Monday, May 7th 2018 (@ Noon)**

EVALUATION:

➤ Tests & Quizzes	50%
➤ Homework, Assignments, Projects & Class work	50%

*It is expected that all students will write the AP Exam in May.
The cost is around \$135 for the exam. (exact cost TBA)*

Homework Expectations:

Ample notice will be given for any assignment, quiz, or exam. The amount of work depends on the unit being covered in class. There are assigned pages to read in the textbook for each unit and it is up to you to complete before the test date.

Vocabulary terms are also given for each unit and are due before the unit test. Quizzes are administered frequently, at least once a unit. The quizzes range from using fill-in-the-blank, short answer, and/or multiple-choice questions. Exams will be given at the end of each unit and will consist of roughly 45 multiple-choice questions and one free-response question (simulating the AP Exam). Other assignments given to students are class presentations, group projects, and papers. These assignments vary with the unit being covered.

Advanced Placement Information:

The AP Psychology Exam, which debuted in 1992, is a relative newcomer among AP Exams. The exam tests knowledge of topics included in this introductory college course in psychology. The following table reflects the approximate percentage of the multiple-choice section of the exam devoted to each content area:

2-4%	History and Approaches
6-8%	Methods and Approaches
8-10%	Biological bases of Behavior
7-9%	Sensation and Perception
2-4%	States of consciousness
7-9%	Learning
8-10%	Cognition
7-9%	Motivation and Emotion
7-9%	Developmental Psychology
6-8%	Personality
5-7%	Testing and individual differences
7-9%	Abnormal Psychology
5-7%	Treatment of Psychological disorders
7-9%	Social Psychology



The free-response questions on the exam evaluate students' mastery of scientific research principles and their ability to make connections among constructs from different psychological domains. Students may be asked to analyze a general problem in psychology (e.g., depression, adaptation) using concepts from different theoretical frameworks or sub-domains in the field, or they may be asked to design, analyze, or critique a research study.

Let's have a great year! 😊

AP Psychology 12 Course Outline

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Myers Psychology for AP Textbook

Topic	Chapter	# of Classes
1. History, Approaches & Thinking Critically with Psychology	<u>Unit 1 & Unit 2 (p.1)</u> - Introduction to Psychology - History & the Breadth of Psychology - Psychological Perspectives	4-5 classes
2. States of Consciousness	<u>Unit 5 (p.174)</u> - Circadian Rhythms - Stages of Sleep/Brain Waves - Need for Sleep and Sleep Disorders (<i>Freud</i>) - Dream Theory and Hypnosis (<i>Mesmer</i>) - Drugs & Consciousness, NDE's	4-5 classes
3. Learning	<u>Unit 6 (p.214)</u> - Classical Conditioning (<i>Pavlov & Watson</i>) - Evaluating Classical Conditioning - Operant Conditioning (<i>Skinner</i> Box) - Evaluating Operant Conditioning - Observational Learning/Bobo Doll-(<i>Bandura</i>)	3-4 classes
4. Social Psychology	<u>Unit 14 (p.642)</u> - Attitudes: Formation and Change - Attributions- Types & Errors - Conformity and Obedience (<i>Asch, Milgram, & Zimbardo</i>) - Group Influence/Cultural Influence/ - Pro-Social and Anti-Social Behaviour	5-6 classes
5. Personality	<u>Unit 10 (p.478)</u> - Psychoanalytic Perspective - Trait Perspective (the Big 5 Theory) - Humanistic Perspective (Hierarchy of Needs) - Social-Cognitive Perspective (<i>Bandura</i>)	4-5 classes

<p>6. Biological Bases of Behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neural Communication - The Brain - Nature vs. Nurture 	<p><u>Unit 3A, 3B, & 3C (p.50)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neural Communication & The Brain - Brain Structures and Functions (Orange Lab and Phineas Gage Case Study) - The Nervous System, Endocrine System, and basic Neuroanatomy - Neurotransmitters & Influence on behaviour - Issue of Nature vs. Nurture - Twin Studies, Behaviour Genetics, Enviro 	<p>6-8 classes</p>
<p>7. Sensation & Perception</p>	<p><u>Unit 4 (p.114)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sensation vs. Perception - Optical Illusions - Sensory Thresholds and Adaptation - Senses in general: vision, hearing, & other senses - Perception- Interpretation in the brain 	<p>6-7 classes</p>
<p>8. Developmental Psychology</p>	<p><u>Unit 9 (p.410)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre-natal Development (<u>DVD</u>: In the Womb) - Infancy & Childhood - Adolescence & Adulthood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Social, Physical, & Cognitive Changes - Piaget, Vygotsky, Kohlberg, Erikson, Freud, and Harry Harlow 	<p>4-5 classes</p>
<p>9. Intelligence</p>	<p><u>Unit 11 (p.522)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - History of Intelligence Testing - Definitions of Intelligence and The Biology of Intelligence (<i>Binet, Terman, Weschler</i>) - Genetics & Environment and Intelligence - Testing Intelligence - Culture/Bias/Gender 	<p>2-3 classes (possible winter break)</p>
<p>10. Thinking, Language & Memory</p>	<p><u>Unit 7A & 7B (p.254)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Language Structure/Theories of Development/ <i>Chomsky/Skinner/ Kohler</i> - Animals & Cognition/Language - Memory Systems (Atkinson & Schiffrin) - Encoding, Storage & Retrieval - Storage of Memories & Retrieval Cues - Theories of Forgetting & 7 Sins - Decision Making, Dementia & Alzheimer's 	<p>5-6 classes</p>

11. Motivation, Emotion & Stress	<u>Unit 8A & 8B (p.326)</u> - Introducing Motivation/Maslow * Hunger as a Motive * Sexuality as a Motive * Belonging as a Motive * Achieving as a Motive - Causes of Stress - Effects of Stress on health and body - Coping Methods - Emotion Theories <i>(James Lange/Canon-Bard/ Schachter-Singer)</i> - Emotion as a Physiological Response	3-4 classes <i>(possible spring break)</i>
12. Abnormal Psych. & Psychological Disorders	<u>Unit 12 (p.560)</u> - What is Abnormal Behaviour? - Anxiety Disorders - Mood Disorders - Dissociative Disorders (Multiple Personalities) - Schizophrenia - Personality Disorders - Somatoform Disorders - Disorder Prevalence and Culture - DSM-V - Medical and Biopsychsocial Perspectives	2-3 classes
13. Therapies	<u>Unit 13 (p.604)</u> - History of Therapies - Psychoanalysis - Client-centered Therapy - Behaviour Therapy - Cognitive and Group Therapies - Bio-medical Therapies - Combination Therapies & use of medicine	1 class

AP Psychology is a **very fast-paced, content driven course**. You will be responsible for keeping up to date, reading the chapters, and handing in all materials on time. Test dates will be announced the first week of class.

AP PSYCHOLOGY EXAM DATE:

Monday May 7th 2018