

AP Psychology Course and Exam 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.

The AP Psychology course is designed to be the equivalent of the Introduction to Psychology course usually taken during the first year of college.

RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITES

There are no prerequisites for AP Psychology.

AP Psychology Course Content

- Scientific Foundations of Psychology
- Biological Bases of Behavior
- Sensation and Perception
- Learning
- Cognitive Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Motivation, Emotion, and Personality
- Clinical Psychology
- Social Psychology

AP Psychology Skills

The AP Psychology skills describe what students should be able to do while exploring course concepts. The list that follows presents these skills, which students should develop during the AP Psychology course.

- Concept Understanding
 - ◆ Define, explain, and apply concepts, behavior, theories, and perspectives.
- Data Analysis
 - ◆ Analyze and interpret quantitative data.
- Scientific Investigation
 - ◆ Analyze psychological research studies

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UNIT 1 SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATIONS OF PSYCHOLOGY

1.1 Introducing Psychology

1.2 Research Methods in Psychology

1.3 The Experimental Method

1.4 Selecting a Research Method

1.5 Statistical Analysis in Psychology

1.6 Ethical Guidelines in Psychology

UNIT 2 BIOLOGICAL BASES OF BEHAVIOR

2.1 Interaction of Heredity and Environment

2.2 The Endocrine System

2.3 Overview of the Nervous System and the Neuron

2.4 Neural Firing

2.5 Influence of Drugs on Neural Firing

2.6 The Brain

2.7 Tools for Examining Brain Structure and Function

2.8 The Adaptable Brain

2.9 Sleep and Dreaming

UNIT 3 SENSATION AND PERCEPTION

3.1 Principles of Sensation

3.2 Principles of Perception

3.3 Visual Anatomy

3.4 Visual Perception

3.5 Auditory Sensation and Perception

3.6 Chemical Senses

3.7 Body Senses

UNIT 4 LEARNING

4.1 Introduction to Learning

4.2 Classical Conditioning

4.3 Operant Conditioning

4.4 Social and Cognitive Factors in Learning

UNIT 5 COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY

5.1 Introduction to Memory

5.2 Encoding

5.3 Storing

5.4 Retrieving

5.5 Forgetting and Memory Distortion

5.6 Biological Bases of Memory

5.7 Introduction to Thinking and Problem Solving

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| 5.8 | Biases and Errors in Thinking |
| 5.9 | Introduction to Intelligence |
| 5.10 | Psychometric Principles and Intelligence Testing |
| 5.11 | Components of Language and Language Acquisition |
| UNIT 6 DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY | |
| 6.1 | The Lifespan and Physical Development in Childhood |
| 6.2 | Social Development in Childhood |
| 6.3 | Cognitive Development in Childhood |
| 6.4 | Adolescent Development |
| 6.5 | Adulthood and Aging |
| 6.6 | Moral Development |
| 6.7 | Gender and Sexual Orientation |
| UNIT 7 MOTIVATION, EMOTION, AND PERSONALITY | |
| 7.1 | Theories of Motivation |
| 7.2 | Specific Topics in Motivation |
| 7.3 | Theories of Emotion |
| 7.4 | Stress and Coping |
| 7.5 | Introduction to Personality |
| 7.6 | Psychoanalytic Theories of Personality |
| 7.7 | Behaviorism and Social Cognitive Theories of Personality |
| 7.8 | Humanistic Theories of Personality |

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| 7.9 | Trait Theories of Personality |
| 7.10 | Measuring Personality |
| UNIT 8 | |
| 8.1 | Introduction to Psychological Disorders |
| 8.2 | Psychological Perspectives and Etiology of Disorders |
| 8.3 | Neurodevelopmental and Schizophrenic Spectrum Disorders |
| 8.4 | Bipolar, Depressive, Anxiety, and Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders |
| 8.5 | Trauma- and Stressor-Related, Dissociative, and Somatic Symptom and Related Disorders |
| 8.6 | Feeding and Eating, Substance and Addictive, and Personality Disorders |
| 8.7 | Introduction to Treatment of Psychological Disorders |
| 8.8 | Psychological Perspectives and Treatment of Disorders |
| 8.9 | Treatment of Disorders from the Biological Perspective |
| 8.10 | Evaluating Strengths, Weaknesses, and Empirical Support for Treatments of Disorders |
| UNIT 9 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY | |
| 9.1 | Attribution Theory and Person Perception |
| 9.2 | Attitude Formation and Attitude Change |
| 9.3 | Conformity, Compliance, and Obedience |
| 9.4 | Group Influences on Behavior and Mental Processes |
| 9.5 | Bias, Prejudice, and Discrimination |
| 9.6 | Altruism and Aggression |
| 9.7 | Interpersonal Attraction |

AP Psychology EXAM: 2 Hours

The AP Psychology Exam assesses student understanding of the skills and learning targets outlined in the course framework. The exam is 2 hours long and includes 100 multiple-choice questions and 2 free-response questions.

Další informace:

AP Psychology Course Overview – 2 stránky

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-psychology-course-overview.pdf?course=ap-psychology>

AP Psychology Course at a glance – 4 strany

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-psychology-course-a-glance.pdf?course=ap-psychology>

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Příklady zkuškových otázek

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-psychology/exam/past-exam-questions?course=ap-psychology>