

COURSE TITLE: IB2 Psychology

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
Difficult	30-60 minutes	District: 12 th Grade Department Suggestion: This is a challenging and rigorous class that requires attention to detail, excellent communication skills (both written and oral) and an ability to work successfully both independently and in groups. Prerequisites: Students must have successfully completed the AP/IB1 Psychology course with a grade A or B. Full IB students will be given priority registration for this class.

Course Description:

Students taking this course can expect to engage in an educational environment equivalent to that of a university psychology course. The IB2 Psychology course has 3 elements.

Firstly, students will gain a firm understanding of the various ways in which psychologists conduct their research. They will learn the strengths and limitations of each approach and will ultimately demonstrate their grasp on this material by conducting their own piece of research and analyzing their results for their internal assessment.

Next, students will examine human behavior through the lenses of three levels of analysis: Biological; Cognitive; and Sociocultural, and ultimately try to understand how the interaction of these influences substantially determines one's behavior.

Finally, students will explore the vast field of psychology by completing research on two areas of their choice from the options of either: Developmental Psychology; Abnormal Psychology; Health Psychology; or Human Relationships.

This course is consistent with the goals of IB as stated in the [IB Learner Profile](#). and [IB Mission Statement](#).

Grading:

Grades will be based on a point system and will be comprised of a combination of activities such as homework, classwork, exams, and projects.

Syllabus:

For additional information, please refer to the NPHS IB2 Psychology Course Syllabus

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Hz1VYmJi88MgZTYyTMa5phSS82GvVEUj/view?usp=sharing>

Supplemental Information:

10 credits

Fulfills high school graduation requirement for electives

Fulfills UC/CSU subject area "g" requirement

It is important to note that homework guidelines serve as an estimate. Homework completion time will depend on the nature of the assignment and the abilities and work habits of the student.