

COURSE TITLE: AP Psychology

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
Difficult	60-90 minutes	District: Grades 11 and 12 Department Suggestion: The Social Science Department strongly recommends that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Careful attention be paid to student academic and extracurricular load. Students with extensive extracurricular commitments and several advanced courses generally report being stressed.• Students have previous AP level course completion (i.e., AP European History, Geography, U.S. History)• Reading and writing abilities at least at 12th grade level• Students have the ability to grasp complex and abstract ideas and theories• Students are self-regulated and work independently

Course Description:

Students taking this course can expect to engage in an educational environment equivalent to a university introductory psychology course.

The AP Psychology course is designed 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. They also learn about ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice. The course stresses critical thinking, analysis, reading, writing within the context of scientific methodology and questioning. Students will complete readings from college level textbooks and complete written work commensurate with university-level classes. Students enrolled in this course are expected to prepare for and take the AP Psychology exam in May. Any student not taking the exam will complete a project that goes beyond the course work.

Best candidates are motivated students wishing to challenge themselves by completing a college level course, who are willing and academically prepared to accept the challenge of a rigorous academic curriculum.

Grading:

Grades are weighted and cumulative. The following grading scale is used to determine the final grade. 93-100% A; 90-92% B+; 87-89% B; 83-86%; B- 80-82%; C+ 77-79%; C 73-76%; C- 70-72%; 67-69% D+; D 63-66%; Any grade below 63% Failing Work

Syllabus:

For additional information please refer to the NPHS [A.P. Psychology Course Syllabus](#)

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.