



# AP PSYCHOLOGY

## Description

Advanced Placement Psychology is an introductory college-level course. The class is taught mostly in a lecture and discussion format, but there is also an emphasis on group work and collaborative learning. There is a strong research emphasis, as students will be required to do major projects involving basic, applied, and clinical research. Major areas of study include neurobiology, developmental psychology, sensation and perception, states of consciousness, abnormal psychology, and social psychology. Strong writing and critical reading skills are required for this course.

This course is available to 10<sup>th</sup> grade students (if space is available), as well as juniors and seniors.

## Special requirements

There are no prerequisites required to enroll in AP Psychology.

Some students who enroll have completed a standard or honors level psychology course, but this is not a requirement for taking the AP class.

## Student costs/Materials to be supplied by students

The textbook for the class, *Psychology* by David Myers, is supplied to the students at no cost. The book must be returned at the end of the school year in good condition or there may be a charge for damages. Students are encouraged to purchase *Essentials of Psychology I and II* as a source to review for the AP exam. The approximate cost is \$15, but this is not a required purchase.

## Other information

Students may receive college credit for this course by taking the Advanced Placement Examination and earning a score acceptable to their college. This acceptable score varies from school to school and department to department.