

A.P. PSYCHOLOGY

Instructor: Fred Weisberger

Course Description: This is a one year advanced psychology course for 11th and 12th grade students. This course will cover the major areas in the field of psychology, including: developmental psychology, consciousness, cognitive process, learning theory, behaviorism, personality theory, psycho-biology, research methods, social psychology, psychological disorders, and treatment models.

The A.P. program is designed to prepare the students to take a comprehensive exam to earn university credits for this course. The A.P. Psychology exam is difficult, but it is considered less difficult than the A.P. U.S History exam.

Teaching Strategies: The students will learn about psychology through lectures, classroom demonstrations, exercises, assignments, examinations, class discussions, videos, outside readings, and individual research.

Course Objectives: Through these teaching methods the students should develop:

1. A working knowledge of psychological theories and important terms.
2. An understanding of research methods and research history.
3. An awareness of how psychological issues impact our daily lives.
4. An understanding and sensitivity to individuals with psychological disorders and the treatment process.
5. The specific skills necessary to do well on the A.P. exam.

Textbook: David Myers, *Psychology*, (2004) 7th ed. ISBN 0716752514
Recommended supplement, *Barron's How to Prepare for the AP Psychology Exam*, ISBN9780764123498

Student Behavior: This is a college preparatory course and the students are expected to act accordingly. The students must be respectful, attentive, prompt, and hardworking.

Assignments: All homework assignments must be typed, unless otherwise stated. All assignments are to be turned in when due. Late papers will be penalized according to the nature of the assignment and the number of days allowed for the assignment. The general rule is one letter grade reduction for each day late. Exceptions will be based on merit; and I am the sole judge.

Assessment: Student grades will be based on: quizzes, exams, research papers, class discussions, experiments, reading, oral presentations, simulations, notebooks, and homework assignments.

Student Assistance: I am available for additional help before school, after school, and during my prep periods.

