
Psychology

Course Description

The goal of this course is for students to master the foundational logic, theory, and history of work in psychology. After completing this course, students should be prepared to successfully sit the AP Psychology exam.

Course Objectives

The objectives of this course are for students to: (a) broaden their knowledge of the field of psychology; (b) understand and apply various psychological concepts and principles; (c) identify the relevance of psychology to everyday life; (d) gain insight into research in psychology; and (e) develop critical thinking skills.

Texts and Materials

Cracking the AP Psychology Exam, Princeton Review

Course Structure, Requirements and Grading

Lectures. Lectures will be held Monday through Thursday. There will be occasional quizzes at the beginning of lecture to help students assess their understanding and become familiar with the type of questions that will appear on the exam. Lecture attendance and class participation is worth 25% of your grade. Participation can be made by engaging in class discussion or by emailing the instructor a question following lecture.

Exams. There will be 3, cumulative, in-class, closed-book exams during the term. The exams will include material that is covered in class lectures, and from the assigned reading. Exams will consist of multiple choice questions similar to the AP Psychology exam. Each exam will take a full 2-hour class period. Each exam is worth 25% of your grade (75% total).

Information about the final exam schedule from the Provost rules: "No student may be required to take more than two final examinations on any calendar day during the period in which final examinations are scheduled. If more than two are scheduled, the student may postpone the middle exam. If a take-home final exam is due on a day when two final examinations are scheduled, the take-home exam shall be postponed by one day."

Your grade will be calculated as follows:

(A+ = 100-97%, A = 96-94%, A- = 93%-90%, B+ = 89%-87%, B = 86%-84%, B- = 83%-80%, C+ = 79%-77%, C = 76%-74%, C- = 73%-70%, D+ = 69%-67%, D = 66%-64%, D- = 63%-60%, F = 59%-0%)

Code of Academic Integrity

You must familiarize yourself with the Code of Academic Integrity in the Special A Academy. It is your responsibility to ensure your behavior does not violate this code. You must observe the policies regarding various forms of academic dishonesty. The following statement about academic dishonesty has been provided by the Special A Academy, "Activities that have the effect or intention of interfering with education, pursuit of knowledge, or fair evaluation of a student's performance are prohibited." Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and may be handled by the Office of Student Conduct.

Lecture & Reading schedule:

Date	Lecture Topic	Reading
13-Jul	The Exam and the Course	Part 1 & Part 2
14-Jul	History of Psychology	Ch5
15-Jul	Methods and Approaches to Psychology	Ch6
16-Jul	Biological Bases of Behavior	Ch7
20-Jul	Sensation & Perception	Ch8
21-Jul	Exam 1	--
22-Jul	Consciousness	Ch9
23-Jul	Learning	Ch10
27-Jul	Cognition	Ch 11
28-Jul	Motivation & Emotion	Ch12
29-Jul	Developmental Psychology	Ch13
30-Jul	Exam 2	--
3-Aug	Personality	Ch14
4-Aug	Testing & Individual Differences	Ch15
5-Aug	Abnormal Psychology	Ch16
6-Aug	Treatment of Psychology Disorders	Ch17
10-Aug	Social Psychology	Ch18
11-Aug	Sitting the Exam	Part 3
12-Aug	Final Review	--
13-Aug	Exam 3	--