

High School for Law & Justice

AP Psychology

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Purpose:

The AP Psychology course introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. While considering the psychologists and studies that have shaped the field, students explore and apply psychological theories, key concepts, and phenomena associated with such topics as the biological bases of behavior, sensation and perception, learning and cognition, motivation, developmental psychology, testing and individual differences, treatments of psychological disorders, and social psychology. Throughout the course, students employ psychological research methods, including ethical considerations, as they use the scientific method, evaluate claims and evidence, and effectively communicate ideas.

Classroom Rules

- No Cellphones.
- No earbuds, AirPods, or headphones.
- No food, drinks, or gum.
- No movies, gaming, or other distractions on your school laptop.

Classroom Expectations/Discipline:

- Students will be on time to class and prepared to learn, having read the assigned readings and completed the previous assignments and/or homework. Tardy students must sign in the Tardy Log with an explanation of why they were late to class. Beginning with the second tardy of the grading cycle, late students will receive a 'write up' and be subject to further disciplinary measures.
- Students will respect themselves and take their education seriously and, therefore, be engaged, productive, and committed to learning while in class. Students who refuse to do their course work will be written up and subject to disciplinary measures.
- Students will treat other persons and their property with respect this includes both their fellow students and myself, the teacher. Students who cannot treat others appropriately will receive a 'write up' and subject to disciplinary measures.
- Students MUST read the textbook outside of class; weekly reading/vocabulary ID term quizzes will be administered.

Class Supplies:

- One 1 ½ or 2 inch three-ring Binder with FIVE (5) tab dividers for the following categories: Vocabulary, Supplemental Readings, Other Handouts, In-Class Assignments, Quizzes
- At least 300 Sheets of Lined Notebook Paper
- Five packs of 100 Index Cards, plain white preferred, vocabulary ID terms
- Pens: Blue or Black - Do NOT write assignments for this class in pencil or unusually colored ink.
- One ream (500 sheets) of plain white printer/copier paper or a box of 12-15 colored pencils as an extra credit assignment worth one assignment worth of points in the Daily Assignment category, due to me by Monday, 13 September, 2021.

Grading Policy:

Projects and Tests: 40%

Quizzes: 30%

Daily Assignments: 30%

Grading Scale

A++ 100

A+ 97

A 94

A- 91

B+ 89

B 85

B- 81

C+ 79

C 77

C- 75

D+ 74

D 72

D- 70

F ≤ 69

The grade of A++ is reserved for work that I consider to be exceptionally outstanding.

Semester Average:

Grading Cycle 1: 30%

Grading Cycle 2: 30%

Grading Cycle 3: 30%

Final Exam: 10%

Make-up Work: In the case of an absence, students will have the number of days equal to that of their absence to turn in make-up work without late penalty. After the make-up period has passed, the normal late work penalties will come into effect.

Late Work: Assignments are due during a student's assigned class period, either at the end of the period or the beginning of the next class if completed as homework. Turning in work afterwards will be considered late. Work may be turned in up to two weeks after the assigned due date, but every class meeting it is late will result in a further 10% reduction in the grade.

Test Re-Take Policy:

There will be no retakes given for quizzes. I will drop the lowest two grades from the quiz category at the end of each six-week grading period. All tests will be curved from the mean score. However, exam scores of less than 70 may be retaken within one week of when the test was handed back to earn a maximum score of 75.

Academic Dishonesty will not be accepted in this course. This includes plagiarism, copying the work of other students or taking material from digital or other resources without proper

attribution, any form of cheating on quizzes and exams. Academic dishonesty will result in the student receiving a failing grade on the assignment, project, test, or quiz.