



Course Syllabus: AP Psychology

Course Description

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.

The purpose of this AP Psychology course is to introduce students to the study of the behavior and mental processes of the human brain. This class will prepare students for the AP exam in May.

This course includes the following modules:

Module 1 – Scientific Foundations of Psychology

Module 2- Biological Bases of Psychology

Module 3 – Sensation and Perception

Module 4- Cognitive Psychology

Module 5 – Learning

Module 6- Developmental Psychology

Module 7- Motivation, Emotion, and Personality

Module 8- Clinical Psychology

Module 9- Social Psychology

Textbook

Myers, David G. *Psychology*. New York: Bedford, Freeman, & Worth Publishers. 2018, 12th edition

Course Participation Policy

Students should follow the Course Schedule (located in Course Information area of course) and all course work must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on the due date.

After the due date has passed, instructors will enter zeros in the Grade Center for work not submitted by the deadline. During student breaks and towards the end of the semester, students may have the opportunity to improve their course grade by completing and submitting work with grades of zero from earlier in the semester. Zeros will remain in the Grade Center until course work is submitted and evaluated by the instructor.

The CVA term ends prior to the end of the traditional school semester. The final date work will be accepted each term is posted on the CVA website (www.cobbvirtualacademy.org).

Grading

Grades for the course are calculated based on category percentages as follows:

Assignments	= 20%
Quizzes	= 10%
Discussion Boards	= 10%
Tests	= 50%
Final Exam	= 10%

All tests in this course are modeled after the pace of the AP Exam. This timing requirement prepares students for the multiple-choice portion of the AP Exam. Exceeding the time limit on tests in this course may result in loss of points or students being required to retake the test.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the cornerstone of learning at CVA and we take the integrity and authenticity of student work very seriously. When academic integrity is maintained, students will make decisions based on values that will prepare them to be productive, meaningful, and ethical citizens.

Students are required to abide by the [CVA Academic Integrity Policy](#). Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. The CVA Academic Integrity Policy outlines the consequences if students fail to maintain academic integrity in their course. For additional information, the CVA Academic Integrity Policy is posted on the CVA website.

Additional General Information

- Students must complete the mandatory online CVA Student Orientation each term before any course work will be graded by the instructor. Only one Student Orientation is completed each term.
- All course work must be submitted through Blackboard in the format requested. Students should have access to Microsoft Office and submit assignments in that format. All CCSD students have access to the Office 365 Suite. Assignments submitted through email will not be accepted.
- The 'Grade before Final Exam/EOC' column in the student Grade Center shows the current grade for the course and is automatically calculated.
- Students in all sections of this course will take an online final exam during the times indicated on the CVA website.