AP Psychology

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**Course Description:** This is a course designed for students who are capable of doing college-level work in Psychology while they are in high school. Advanced Placement Psychology is a college level course concerned with the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students conduct a detailed examination of the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology by analyzing landmark case studies. They will also critically analyze the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice. Students are expected to have strong writing skills prior to entering this course. Completion of the course prepares students to take the AP examination in May. A summer assignment is required.

**Exam Overview:**

The AP Psychology Exam assesses student understanding of the skills and learning targets outlined in the course framework. The exam is 2 hours long and includes 100 multiple-choice questions and 2 free-response questions. The details of the exam, including exam weighting and timing, can be found below:
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Question 1: Concept Application (7 points)

Question 2: Research Design (7 points).

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Google Meet: [https://meet.google.com/lookup/alz7f5na2e](https://meet.google.com/lookup/alz7f5na2e)
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Units of Study:

**Unit 1: Scientific Foundations of Psychology** You’ll learn about the basis of psychological theory as the study of human and animal behavior and mental processes and learn how psychologists design and conduct research.

**Unit 2: Biological Bases of Behavior** You’ll study behaviors and mental processes from a biological perspective and explore the effects of the interaction between human biology and our environment.

**Unit 3: Sensation and Perception** You’ll examine how humans perceive and process the world around them via their senses and convert those observations into perceptions that influence how we think and behave.

**Unit 4: Learning** You’ll learn about the field of psychology that studies how humans and other animals learn as well as how learning changes over a lifetime.

**Unit 5: Cognitive Psychology** You’ll examine the complex nature of how memory, intelligence, and other mental processes impact human behavior.

**Unit 6: Developmental Psychology** You’ll study how physical and social changes over humans’ lifespans can influence behavior and mental processes from a variety of perspectives.

**Unit 7: Motivation, Emotion, and Personality** You’ll study personality through the lens of behavior and mental processes and how they interact to produce an individual’s personality.

**Unit 8: Clinical Psychology** You’ll learn how psychologists evaluate, study, and treat a range of psychological disorders.

**Unit 9: Social Psychology** You’ll examine how humans interact in groups and social situations, as well as how others can affect an individual’s behavior and mental processes.
Summer Assignment

Assignment #1 – Introduction to Psychology and Introduction to the brain

Watch the Videos, which can be found through the “Edpuzzle” assignment link in google classroom. Your responses will be automatically submitted through EdPuzzle. Please complete by August 15, 2020. You may watch them several times. Answer all questions. You will have a test on the concepts and terms in September.

Writing Assignment #2- Allow Me to Introduce Myself

This assignment is designed for me to get to know you prior to the school year. Furthermore, this paper will help you to start thinking about your “ideal self” which we will discuss later in this course. In this assignment, you are to use well written, complete sentences, do not abbreviate words and please use spell check. This is a professional communication similar to what you would use with a college professor or employer. Complete the assignment below and submit it through google classroom by August 15, 2020.

• Introduce yourself.

• What are your hobbies? What do you like to do for fun?

• What extracurricular activities are you involved in or planning to be involved in?

• Do you have a job? What is it? Do you like it? Is this something you would like to continue as a career? • What are your goals or plans for post-high school?

• Why are you taking AP Psychology? What are you looking forward to in this class? What areas of psychology interest you?

• Are you enrolled in other AP courses? Have you taken other AP courses throughout your high school career?

• How will you manage your time throughout this upcoming school year?

• What else should I know about you so that I have insight into you as a person before the next school year begins.
Assignment #3 – “TED, Talk To Me.”

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading ideas in short, powerful talks of 18 minutes or less. TED is an acronym for Technology, Entertainment, and Design. There are three “talks” that could be of interest to you.

Watch the Videos, which can be found through the “Edpuzzle” assignment link in google classroom

· Watch both TED talks
· Answer all questions

Your responses will be automatically submitted through EdPuzzle. Please complete by August 15, 2020.

• Angela Lee Duckworth: The Key to Success – Grit

• Amy Cuddy: Body Language Shapes Who You Are

Assignment #4 – Google Meet - TBD

We will have a google meet to discuss summer assignments, "meet" each other, and to prepare for next year!