

Troy High School Course Profile

Course Title: AP Psychology

Course Prerequisites: Please Refer to Registration Presentation

Course Description: AP Psychology is a rigorous, college-level course that is designed to “introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals” (College Board Course Description). This is an exciting course that provides an overview of the areas of psychological study. It includes topics such as cognition, consciousness, sensation and perception, motivation, emotion, intelligence, human development, social interaction, psychological disorders, and therapy. Tests in this class mirror the AP exam and prepare students for the application-based, multiple choice questions and free response questions they will encounter.

Students entering this course should already have a mastery of the following concepts and possess the following skills:

- Students should have good critical reading skills and should be able to comprehend and retain scientific and research-based information

Workload Expectations for this course (list typical amount of homework, projects, presentations, papers, etc.):

- Lecture and activity-based class with frequent demonstrations, discussions, and exercises
- Homework consists of nightly textbook reading with key terms (averaging 30 min per night)
- One APA research paper
- Creative projects and additional writing done in class