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**Content Outline – AP Psychology 2017-18 (Course # 2107350)**

The following chart lists the major content areas covered by the AP Psychology Exam, as well as the approximate percentages of the multiple-choice section that are devoted to each area.

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| **Content Area** | **% of Questions on Exam****(multiple-choice section)** |
| 1. **History and Approaches**

History of Psychology, Approaches (Biological, Behavioral, Cognitive, Humanistic, Psychodynamic, Sociocultural, Evolutionary, Biopsychosocial), Subfields in Psychology | 2-4% |
| 1. **Research Methods**

Experimental, Correlational, and Clinical Research, Statistics (Descriptive, Inferential), Ethics in Research | 8-10% |
| 1. **Biological Bases of Behavior**

Physiological Techniques, Neuroanatomy, Functional Organization of Nervous System, Neural Transmission, Neuroplasticity, Endocrine System, Genetics, Evolutionary Psychology | 8-10% |
| 1. **Sensation and Perception**

Threshold and Signal Detection, Sensory Mechanisms, Attention, Perceptual Processes, | 6-8% |
| 1. **States of Consciousness**

Sleep and Dreaming, Hypnosis, Psychoactive Drug Effects | 2-4% |
| 1. **Learning**

Classical Conditioning, Operant Conditioning, Cognitive Processes, Biological Factors, Social Learning | 7-9% |
| 1. **Cognition**

Memory, Language, Thinking, Problem Solving and Creativity | 8-10% |
|  **VIII. Motivation and Emotion**Biological Bases, Theories of Motivation, Hunger, Thirst, Sex and Pain, Social Motives, Theories of Emotion, Stress | 6-8% |
| 1. **Developmental Psychology**

Life-Span Approach, Research Methods (e.g., longitudinal, cross-sectional), Heredity-Environment Issues, Development Theories, Dimensions of Development (Physical, Cognitive, Social, Moral), Sex and Gender Development | 7-9% |
| 1. **Personality**

Personality Theories and Approaches, Assessment Techniques, Growth and Adjustment | 5-7% |
| 1. **Testing and Individual Differences**

Standardization and Norms, Reliability and Validity, Types of Tests, Ethics and Standards in Testing, Intelligence | 5-7% |
| 1. **Abnormal Behavior**

Definitions of Abnormality, Theories of Psychopathology, Diagnosis of Psychopathology, Types of Disorders | 7-9% |
| 1. **Treatment of Abnormal Behavior**

Treatment Approaches (Psychodynamic, Humanistic, Behavioral, Cognitive, Biological), Modes of Therapy (i.e., individual, group), Community and Preventive Approaches | 5-7% |
| 1. **Social Psychology**

Group Dynamics, Attribution Processes, Interpersonal Perception, Conformity, Compliance, Obedience, Attitudes and Attitude Change, Organizational Behavior, Aggression / Antisocial Behavior, Cultural Influences | 8-10% |

**Student Supplies:**

* Notebook paper
* Binder / folder for notes and to organize class handouts - whatever works best for student
* Composition Book (for specific psychology assignments to use as a study aid)
* Pencils / black or blue ink pen
* Classroom donations of tissues, paper towels and hand sanitizer are always appreciated

**Class Expectations:**

* Enter class on time and prepared to learn.
* Show respect to yourself, others, and all property.
* Participate and ask questions.
* Strive to be your best!

**Helpful Information:**

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org> - examples of tests, essays, and answers.

[www.psychgroove.com](http://www.psychgroove.com) – Ms. Romaine’s website (under construction)

**AP Exam: May 7, 2018 – Monday Afternoon (12:00)**