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**Content Outline – AP Psychology 2019-20 (Course # 2107350)**

The following chart lists the major content areas covered by the AP Psychology course, as well as the AP Psychology Exam weighting (multiple-choice section) for each content area.

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| **Content Area** | **AP Exam Weighting**  **(multiple-choice section)** |
| 1. **Scientific Foundations of Psychology**   Research contributions of historical figures, theoretical approaches, domains, research methods, statistical analysis, and ethical guidelines | 10-14% |
| 1. **Biological Bases of Behavior**   Interaction of heredity and environment, endocrine system, neurons, the brain, tools for examining brain structure and function, neuroplasticity, states of consciousness, psychoactive drugs, and sleeping and dreaming | 8-10% |
| 1. **Sensation and Perception**   Principles of sensation, principles of perception, visual anatomy, visual perception, auditory sensation and perception, chemical senses, and body senses | 6-8% |
| 1. **Learning**   Key researchers in the psychology of learning, classical conditioning, operant conditioning, and social and cognitive factors in learning | 7-9% |
| 1. **Cognitive Psychology**   Memory (encoding, storing, and retrieving), forgetting, memory distortion, biological bases of memory, thinking, problem solving, biases and errors in thinking, intelligence, intelligence testing, components of language, and language acquisition | 13-17% |
| 1. **Developmental Psychology**   The physical, social, and cognitive development in childhood, adolescent development, adulthood, aging, moral development, gender, and sexual orientation | 7-9% |
| 1. **Motivation, Emotion, and Personality**   Theories of motivation, needs, drives, homeostasis, theories of emotion, stress and coping, key researchers in personality theory, theories of personality (psychoanalytic, behaviorism, social cognitive, humanistic, and trait), and measuring personality | 11-15% |
| 1. **Clinical Psychology**   Psychological perspectives and etiology of disorders, disorders to include: neurodevelopmental, schizophrenic spectrum, bipolar, depressive, anxiety, obsessive compulsive, trauma, stressor related, dissociative, somatic symptom, eating, substance, addictive, and personality, and treatment of psychological disorders | 12-16% |
| 1. **Social Psychology**   Attribution theory, person perception, attitude formation, attitude change, conformity, compliance, obedience, group influences on behavior and mental processes, bias, prejudice, discrimination, altruism, aggression, and interpersonal attraction | 8-10% |

**Text:** Weiten, Wayne. (2017). *Psychology Themes and Variation*s (10th ed.). Boston, MA: Cengage Learning.

**Study Guide:** James, William and McLane, Michael. (2017). *Fast Track To A 5.* Boston, MA: Cengage Learning.

**Online Resource:** myap.collegeboard.org

**Student Supplies:**

* Notebook paper
* Binder / folder for notes and to organize class handouts - whatever works best for student
* 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!

**Grades:**

Grades will be entered in Focus by points earned on tests, quizzes, projects, in class activities / assignments, and homework. Violation of academic honesty policy will result in a zero for that test or assignment.

**Make Up Policy:**

Students are responsible to check with teacher and in FOCUS for any missed assignments. Assignments are due when scheduled. Late assignments will be accepted for up to one week after due date with a late penalty. Students have two class periods to make up the assignment with no late penalty for each excused absence.

**Helpful Information:**

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

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

**AP Exam: May 12, 2020 – Tuesday Afternoon (12:00)**