



Bloomington High School is a diverse community that supports lifelong learners who are responsible and productive citizens in our global society. Together we will provide a safe environment that guides students to reach their full potential in pursuit of academic and personal fulfillment.

**Course Title:** AP Psychology (Year; 1 credit)

**Course Description:** The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. They also learn about the methods psychologists use in their science and practice. The aim of AP Psychology is to provide the students with a learning experience equivalent to that obtained in an introductory college psychology course. This course will follow the College Board Advanced Placement syllabus requiring students to complete a variety of reading and writing assignments. The rigorous course syllabus and college level text both suggest that students who enroll should be highly motivated and intellectually curious. Please see the section at the beginning of this guide concerning AP exams. This course carries the honors/advanced G.P.A. weighting.

**Units of Study:**

- Unit 1 Scientific Foundations of Psychology (10%–14% of exam score)
- Unit 2 Biological Bases of Behavior (8%–10% of exam score)
- Unit 3 Sensation and Perception (6%–8% of exam score)
- Unit 4 Learning (7%–9% of exam score)
- Unit 5 Cognitive Psychology (13%–17% of exam score)
- Unit 6 Developmental Psychology (7%–9% of exam score)
- Unit 7 Motivation, Emotion, and Personality (11%–15% of exam score)
- Unit 8 Clinical Psychology (12% - 16% of exam score)
- Unit 9 Social Psychology (8%–10% of exam score)

**Texts and Required Readings:**

Updated Myers' Psychology for AP®  
Third Edition ©2021  
David G. Myers; C. Nathan DeWall

**BHS Grading Scale and Policy:**

The semester final grade is obtained from running semester grade (80%) and the semester final exam grade (20%). This means that you will have already earned 80% of your final grade by the time you reach semester exams. Semester exams are required. [BHS Handbook, pg. 17](#)

**90-100% = A**

**80-89% = B**

**70-79% = C**

**60-69% = D**

**Below 60% = F**

**BHS Makeup Work Policy:**

All students are expected to do makeup work in a timely fashion. It is the student's responsibility to obtain assignments prior to a pre-arranged absence, and immediately upon return for all other absences. General rule: one day absence affords one day to complete formative makeup work. For summative, students should expect to complete on the day of return. Failure to complete makeup work by the teacher deadline will result in a zero/missing in Gradebook. [BHS Handbook, pg. 37](#).

**Discussing Controversial Issues in the Classroom:**

The guidelines set forth by the District 87 Board Policy 6.070 will be used handling controversial issues in the classroom. Please contact your teacher if you have any questions.