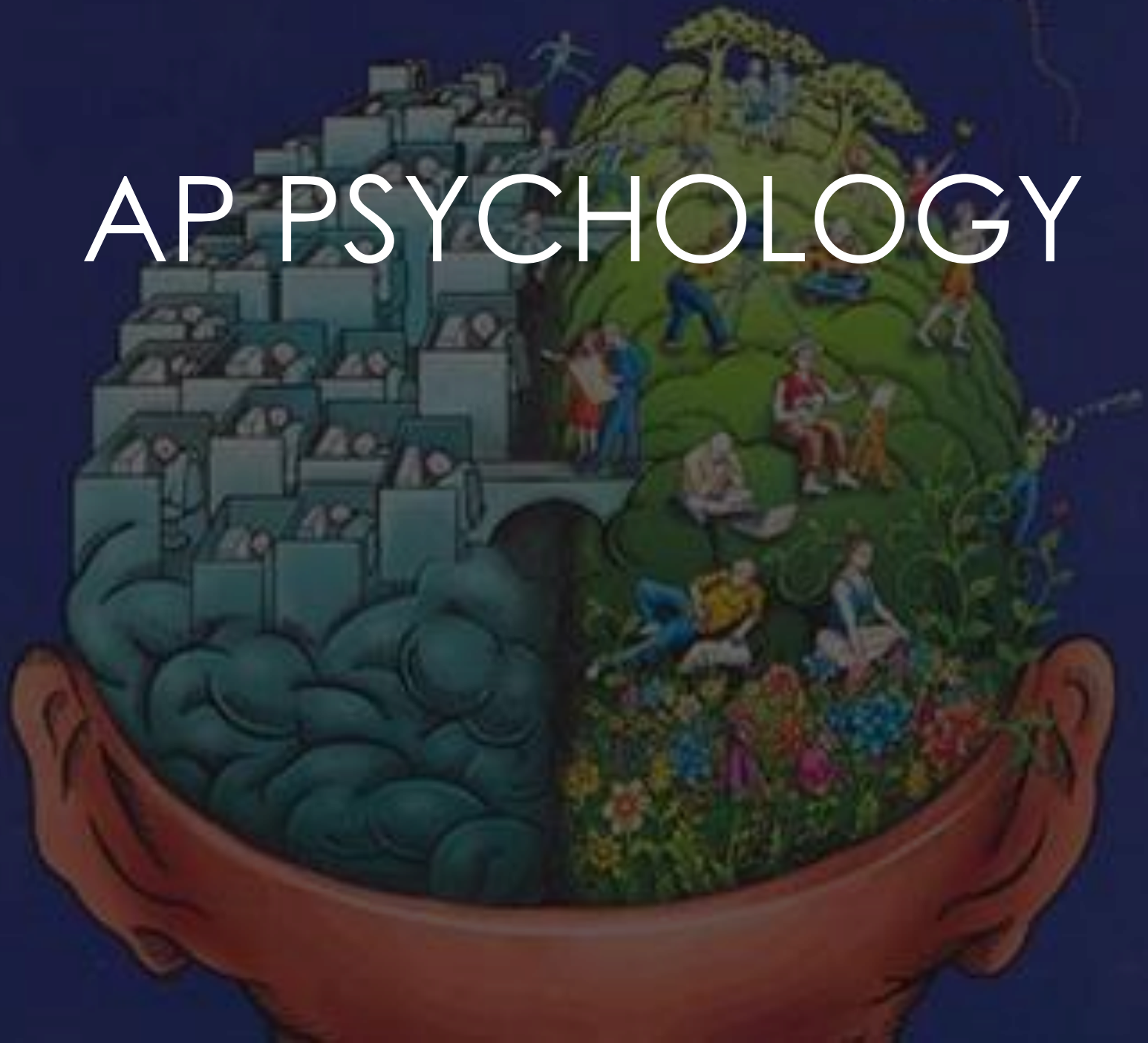


AP PSYCHOLOGY





WHAT IS AP PSYCHOLOGY?

- This course is designed 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 ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice.



THEMES COVERED IN AP PSYCHOLOGY

Scientific Foundations of Psychology

Biological Bases of Behavior

Sensation and Perception

Learning

Cognition Psychology

Developmental Psychology

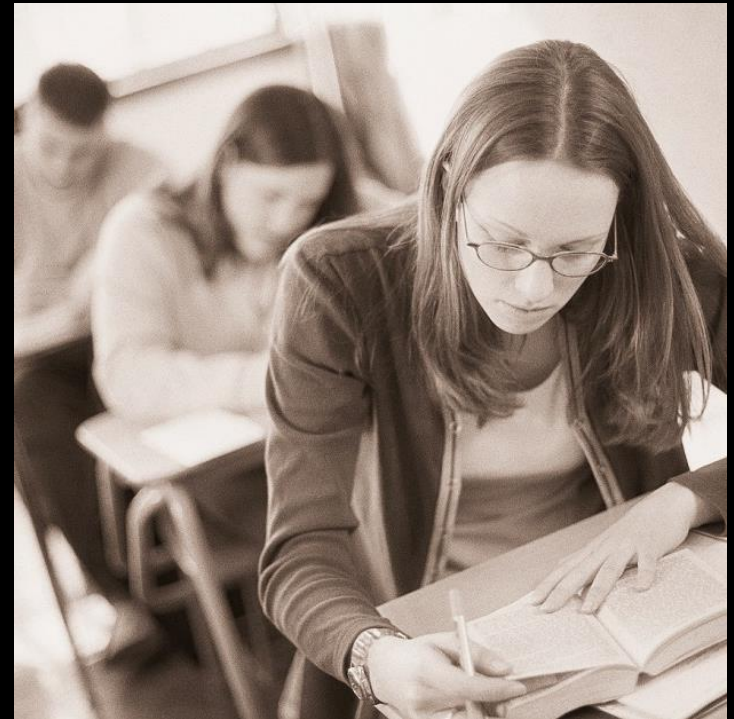
Motivation, Emotion, and Personality

Clinical Psychology

Social Psychology

WHO SHOULD TAKE AP PSYCHOLOGY?

- Motivated juniors and seniors who are willing to think outside of the box and take on an intellectual challenge.





PSAT Critical Reading and Writing scores in 50th percentile.



Academic maturity and organization



Time



Interest in Psychology



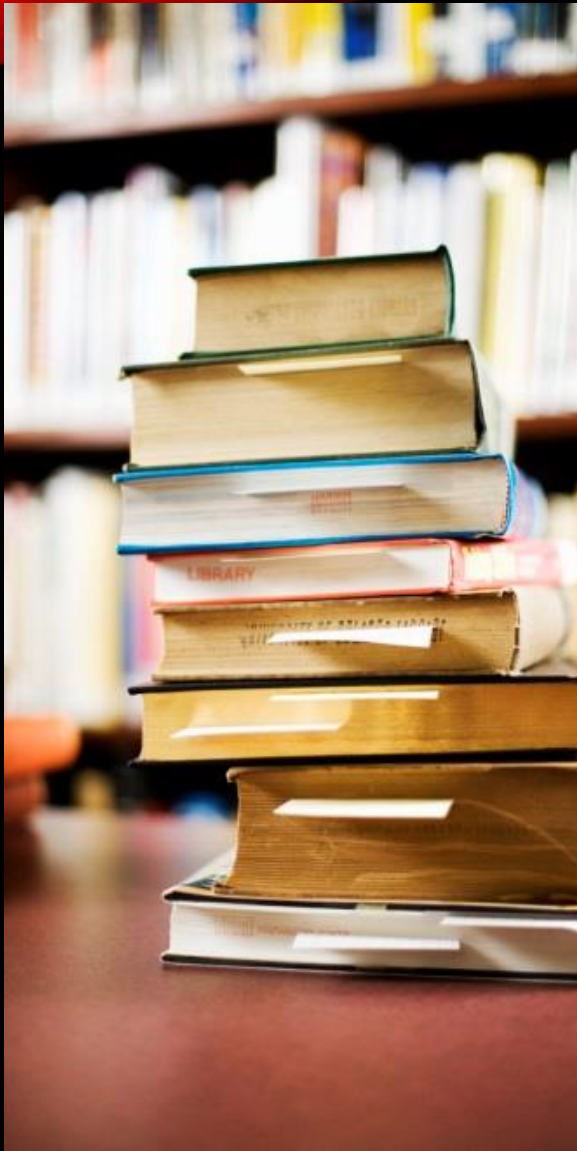
Ability to memorize many concepts and think abstractly



Each unit consists of around 80-100 terms/people to memorize. In addition, students need to be able to apply the concepts.

WHAT SKILLS ARE NEEDED TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

WHAT KIND OF TIME COMMITMENT IS EXPECTED?



- 2 Hours of reading and note taking per week/reviewing notes.
- Extra time to prepare for final exam and AP Test.

THE AP EXAM

- The AP Psychology Exam consists of two parts, organized as follows:
 - **Section 1**
 - Multiple-Choice questions (100 questions, 70 minutes, counts 2/3rd of the score)
 - **Section 2**
 - Free Response Questions (2 questions, 50 minutes, counts 1/3rd of the score)



- Average Grade in Class = 86 (plus 7pts)
- % pass AP Score in typical Year = 97%+
- % pass with a 4 or 5 = 76%+
- Pages in textbook to read = 871
- Essays written = about 10 per year
- Major Projects = 4 per year

STATISTICS ABOUT AP PSYCHOLOGY

WHY SHOULD YOU TAKE AP PSYCHOLOGY?

- Academic challenge
- Interest in the topic
- Great class discussion and activities
- Probable college credit



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Talk to your parents about whether this is the right course for you and whether you are willing to do the work. Not doing the work does not mean a C, it means you will fail the class.

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