

AP PSYCHOLOGY

		Description of Average Weekly Outside Requirements	
Main Topics (What main ideas/concepts will be covered?): AP Psychology is a full year High School Social Studies course which is the equivalent of a College Introductory Psychology course. The focus of study in the course is the behavior and mental processes of humans and other animals.	Rationale (Why should a student take this course?) Before you devote yourself to any task, particularly a demanding task, you need to ask yourself, "Why am I doing this? Why is this worth my effort and my commitment?" In AP Psychology, the answers to those questions should be clear and powerful. They relate to the most interesting, exciting, and complex of all things worth knowing: the human being.	Reading (Text, document, etc): Students will read from the textbook, approximately 15-20 pages at a time, between 3 and 4 times a week.	Written (Terms, questions, outlines, free response, etc): Students will answer chapter questions- approximately 15-20 per week, as they complete their required reading. Students will write approximately 12 free response questions in the year...these are short answer-type questions that require students to analyze a situation and develop actions to correct the situation.
Grade Composition (How are grades determined?): 65% Exams 25% Work (Reading Questions & Quizzes) 10% Participation	Skill Development (What skills are developed in this course and how?) Students will be given situations in which they will be required to understand how the mind works to create what we do, think, and feel.	Sample Textbook Excerpt: <i>"Once upon a time, on a planet in your neighborhood of the universe, there came to be people. Soon thereafter, these creatures became intensely interested in themselves and in one another. They wondered, "Who are we? From where come our thoughts? Our feelings? Our actions? And how are we to understand-and master or manage-those around us?" Psychology answers to these wonderings...."</i>	
Required Skills (What skills are necessary to be successful in this course?) Reading/Comprehension Work Ethic- Open Mind- New Concepts Basic Writing- Analytical			