

Canyon Crest Academy:

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Difficult <input type="checkbox"/> Very Difficult	60-90 minutes	<p>District 10-12 grade</p> <p>Department The department strongly recommends: <input type="checkbox"/> Careful attention paid to the rest of the student's academic load. This course has a considerable amount of work associated with it. Students with extensive extracurricular commitments and with several academic classes in one term generally report being stressed. <input type="checkbox"/> Students having previously taken another AP level course (i.e., AP World History or AP U.S. History) <input type="checkbox"/> English 10 Honors with a grade of "B" or better <input type="checkbox"/> Reading and writing abilities which exceeds grade level (12th grade reading level recommended) <input type="checkbox"/> A strong passion for social sciences <input type="checkbox"/> The ability to grasp complex and abstract ideas and theories <input type="checkbox"/> A strong, independent work-ethic <input type="checkbox"/> The ability to self-advocate and independently seek instructional direction when confused.</p>

Course Description

Students taking this course can expect to engage in an educational environment that is equivalent to a first-year university level survey course. AP Psychology 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 the major sub-fields within psychology. The course stresses critical thinking, reading, and writing within the context of scientific methodology and questioning. AP Psychology follows the standards prescribed by the College Board in the AP Course Description (which can be found online at <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html>). Additionally, students may wish to take the AP Psychology exam, for which they may earn college credit—depending on the policies of colleges and universities. Students will complete readings from college-level textbooks and will complete written work commensurate with university-level classes. Additionally, students will take part in either group or individual research projects.

Grading

Teachers employ variations of either the weighted or the cumulative method for determining grades. However, the following scale is used to determine the final grade: 100% to 90% A; 89% to 80% B; 79% to 70% C; 69% to 60% D; 59% and below F

Syllabus Link

Refer to individual teacher websites.

Supplemental Information

10 credits

Meets high school graduation requirement for social science

Meets UC/CSU subject area ("g") requirement

Weighted grade

Please note:

It is important to note that the homework guideline serves as an estimate of the average nightly homework load. It is not intended to be a concrete value, and homework completion time will depend upon the nature of the assignment and the abilities and work habits of the student.