



Course Description

The AP Psychology course will introduce you to the systematic and scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. While learning about the studies that have shaped the field, you will explore and apply psychological theories, key concepts, and phenomena associated with the major units of study, including biological bases of behavior, cognition, development, learning, social psychology, personality, and mental and physical health. Throughout the course, you will apply psychological concepts and employ research methods and data interpretation to evaluate claims, consider evidence, and effectively communicate ideas.

This is a yearlong course consisting of 8 units. Upon successful completion students will receive 1 credit towards high school graduation.

AP Courses and Testing

“Have you ever wondered why you act a certain way around different people? Or how your family and society influence your behaviors? In AP Psychology, you’ll learn the foundational concepts that detail how and why people think and behave the way they do.” - [College Board](#)

Completing the College Board’s AP Testing in May is an expectation of the course. Based on the results of AP tests in May of each year, students may be eligible to receive college credit. However, every college and university handles AP credit differently. In addition, the course completion grade is weighted like an honors course, potentially improving a student's overall GPA.

Registering and paying to take the AP test is the responsibility of the student and family. OC Online staff assists in helping students locate appropriate testing locations, including the Oaks Christian School campus if a student lives in proximity.

Course Overview

Course Outcomes

- Connecting psychological concepts and theories to real-life scenarios
- Understanding and interpreting data
- Analyzing research studies in psychology

Semester 1 Units:	Semester 2 Units:
1. AP Psychology Science Practices	5. Learning
2. Biological Bases of Behavior	6. Social Psychology and Personality
3. Cognition	7. Mental and Physical Health
4. Development	8. AP Exam Prep

Required Course Materials

Please access the list of course materials from the OC Online book ordering system and order your materials as soon as possible. Oftentimes, course materials are on back order and you may experience a delay in receiving them, causing students to fall behind in their online coursework. When ordering used or rented materials, be careful that online access codes are also current.

Grading Policy

Students will demonstrate mastery through the following formative and summative assessments:

- 40% Assignments
- 10% Participation (Discussion Posts, Live Classes)
- 10% Quizzes
- 25% Final Assessment
- 15% Unit Tests

Additional Course Information

Detailed information regarding OC Online policies on proctored final exams, grading policy, late/missing assignment policy, weekly live classes, course expectations, and additional school policies can be found on the website.