



McLean High School Course Description and Expectations

**Course:** Advanced Placement Psychology

**Prerequisites:** none

**Short Course Description:** The AP Psychology 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.

**Summer Assignment:** none

**Work Load during the School Year:**

- 30 pages of reading per week
- daily reading quizzes
- 3-4 cumulative tests per quarter
- 1 project per quarter

**Special Course Information:**

Students may wish to purchase an AP Exam Review book like those by Barron’s or Peterson’s.

**Available Support:**

After-school help available most days. On-line practice tests; supplemental study guides.

**Student Quotes:**

“If psychology interests you, you have taken anatomy and liked it, or are interested in the way people think and learn, you should like this class. Also, there is a lot of reading involved and you must be willing to do the work to get the grade, but it is all very interesting and relates to every day life.” – Reggie Westrick

“It is not a class to take just to get an easy grade. Be prepared to have to study a lot. But overall, everything you learn is really interesting and useful.” – Carolina Ize

“Take it if you are really interested in psychology. It is not a joke AP. The tests are hard, but the material is fascinating.” – Jessica Larson

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