

# AP® Psychology Detailed Syllabus from the 2023 CED

<p><b>1. Scientific Foundations of Psychology</b></p> <p>1.1 Introducing Psychology          1.2 Research Methods in Psychology          1.3 Defining Psychological Science: The Experimental Method          1.4 Selecting a Research Method          1.5 Statistical Analysis in Psychology          1.6 Ethical Guidelines in Psychology</p>	<p><b>2. Biological Bases of Behavior</b></p> <p>2.1 Interaction of Heredity and Environment          2.2 The Endocrine System          2.3 Overview of the Nervous System and the Neuron   2.4 Neural Firing          2.5 Influence of Drugs on Neural Firing          2.6 The Brain          2.7 Tools for Examining Brain Structure and Function          2.8 The Adaptable Brain          2.9 Sleep and Dreaming</p>	<p><b>3. Sensation and Perception</b></p> <p>3.1 Principles of Sensation          3.2 Principles of Perception          3.3 Visual Anatomy          3.4 Visual Perception          3.5 Auditory Sensation and Perception          3.6 Chemical Senses          3.7 Body Senses</p>
<p><b>4. Learning</b></p> <p>4.1 Introduction to Learning          4.2 Classical Conditioning          4.3 Operant Conditioning          4.4 Social and Cognitive Factors in Learning</p>	<p><b>5. Cognitive Psychology</b></p> <p>5.1 Introduction to Memory          5.2 Encoding          5.3 Storing          5.4 Retrieving          5.5 Forgetting and Memory Distortion          5.6 Biological Bases of Memory          5.7 Introduction to Thinking and Problem Solving          5.8 Biases and Errors in Thinking          5.9 Introduction to Intelligence          5.10 Psychometric Principles and Intelligence Testing          5.11 Components of Language and Language Acquisition</p>	<p><b>6. Developmental Psychology</b></p> <p>6.1 The Lifespan and Physical Development in Childhood          6.2 Social Development in Childhood          6.3 Cognitive Development in Childhood          6.4 Adolescent Development          6.5 Adulthood and Aging          6.6 Moral Development  <b>6.7 Gender and Sexual Orientation</b></p>
<p><b>7. Motivation, Emotion, and Personality</b></p> <p>7.1 Theories of Motivation  <b>7.2 Specific Topics in Motivation</b>          7.3 Theories of Emotion          7.4 Stress and Coping          7.5 Introduction to Personality          7.6 Psychoanalytic Theories of Personality          7.7 Behaviorism and Social Cognitive Theories of Personality          7.8 Humanistic Theories of Personality          7.9 Trait Theories of Personality          7.10 Measuring Personality</p>	<p><b>8. Clinical Psychology</b></p> <p>8.1 Introduction to Psychological Disorders          8.2 Psychological Perspectives and Etiology of Disorders          8.3 Neurodevelopmental and Schizophrenic Spectrum Disorders  <b>8.4 Bipolar, Depressive, Anxiety, and Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders</b>          8.5 Trauma- and Stressor Related, Dissociative, and Somatic Symptom and Related Disorders          8.6 Feeding and Eating, Substance and Addictive, and Personality Disorders          8.7 Introduction to Treatment of Psychological Disorders          8.8 Psychological Perspectives and Treatment of Disorders          8.9 Treatment of Disorders from the Biological Perspective          8.10 Evaluating Strengths, Weaknesses, and Empirical Support for Treatments of Disorders</p>	<p><b>9. Social Psychology</b></p> <p>9.1 Attribution Theory and Person Perception          9.2 Attitude Formation and Attitude Change          9.3 Conformity, Compliance, and Obedience          9.4 Group Influences on Behavior and Mental Processes          9.5 Bias, Prejudice, and Discrimination          9.6 Altruism and Aggression          9.7 Interpersonal Attraction</p>

**Marked in red – includes learning about sexual intercourse, sexuality, physiological aspects of sexual intercourse, suicide and suicide ideation as a part of symptoms.**

# AP<sup>®</sup> Psychology Skills

The AP Psychology course introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of human behaviour and mental processes. While considering the psychologists and studies that have shaped the field, students explore and apply psychological theories, key concepts, and phenomena associated with such topics as the biological bases of behaviour, sensation and perception, learning and cognition, motivation, developmental psychology, testing and individual differences, treatments of psychological disorders, and social psychology. Throughout the course, students employ psychological research methods, including ethical considerations, as they use the scientific method, evaluate claims and evidence, and effectively communicate ideas. The AP Psychology course is designed to be the equivalent of the Introduction to Psychology course usually taken during the first year of college.

Skill Category 1	Skill Category 2	Skill Category 3
<b>Concept Understanding</b> <b>1</b> Define, explain, and apply concepts, behavior, theories, and perspectives.	<b>Data Analysis</b> <b>2</b> Analyze and interpret quantitative data.	<b>Scientific Investigation</b> <b>3</b> Analyze psychological research studies.
<b>SKILLS</b>		
<b>1.A</b> Define and/or apply concepts.		
<b>1.B</b> Explain behavior in authentic context.		
<b>1.C</b> Apply theories and perspectives in authentic contexts.		

Skill	Description	Exam Weighting (Multiple-Choice Section)
1. Concept Understanding	Define, explain, and apply concepts, behavior, theories, and perspectives.	75%–80%
2. Data Analysis	Analyze and interpret quantitative data.	8%–12%
3. Scientific Investigation	Analyze psychological research studies.	12%–16%

# AP<sup>®</sup> Psychology Exam Structure

## Section I - MCQ

100 Questions | 1 Hour 10 minutes | 66.7% of Exam Score

The goal of the MCQs is for you to define and explain content from a range of course topics and apply skills of concept application, data analysis, and scientific investigation.

Example Question: India is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) city
- (B) country
- (C) town
- (D) village
- (E) continent

## Section II - Free Response Question (FRQ)

2 Questions | 50 minutes | 33.3% of Exam Score

The goal of the FRQs is for you to explain behavior and apply theories using concepts from different theoretical frameworks or subdomains in the field and analyze psychological research studies, including analyzing and interpreting quantitative data.

You are **encouraged to use simple language** to answer these questions without worrying about the “true” definitions of psychology.

Some questions may have sub-parts such as in the example:

Malia has an assignment to write a research paper for a class. She has several weeks to work on the paper before turning in the finished product.

Part A

Explain how each of the following could apply to Malia’s completion of the assignment.

- Albert Bandura’s theory of self-efficacy
- A low score on the Big Five trait of neuroticism
- External locus of control
- Divergent thinking
- Efferent neurons

# AP® Psychology Unit Weighting

Units	Exam Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Scientific Foundations of Psychology	<b>10–14%</b>
<b>Unit 2:</b> Biological Bases of Behavior	<b>8–10%</b>
<b>Unit 3:</b> Sensation and Perception	<b>6–8%</b>
<b>Unit 4:</b> Learning	<b>7–9%</b>
<b>Unit 5:</b> Cognitive Psychology	<b>13–17%</b>
<b>Unit 6:</b> Developmental Psychology	<b>7–9%</b>
<b>Unit 7:</b> Motivation, Emotion, and Personality	<b>11–15%</b>
<b>Unit 8:</b> Clinical Psychology	<b>12–16%</b>
<b>Unit 9:</b> Social Psychology	<b>8–10%</b>

## What is included in my classes and course resources?

- **Lecture Notes, Reading Guides, Textbooks and Summaries**

The AP exams for Social Studies do get a bit too lengthy with theories and lots of details with very little calculations. As a result, it is better to read a variety of texts which aren't just long paragraphs. Those texts can be tables, short notes, bullet point notes and more that will help the student be more concise as that's what the AP requires for Social Studies.

- **Test Series & Mock Tests**

Based on the new syllabus for World History (2023) & Psychology (2020), there will be both review questions in the form of MCQ and FRQ for each chapter and each unit.

## Course Pricing [UrbanPro]

Course Commencement	Individual Learner	Group (2-4 Learners)
Intensive (enrolment before 10 <sup>th</sup> April)	INR 1000	INR 1600
Super Intensive (enrolment after 10 <sup>th</sup> April)	INR 1200	INR 2000

Group learning is only available for the learners who enrol with their peers for the same timeslot/availability. Up to 4 learners can attend the class together, but the default class is private only.

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