

## Course Selection: College Prep Psychology versus AP Psychology

	College Prep	AP
<b>Enrollment open to</b>	Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors	Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors
<b>Length of Course</b>	One Semester	Full Year
<b>Typical outside of class work:</b> (For text reading level samples click here)	Completion of practice application questions, occasional readings from text or supplementary articles. <a href="#">Reading Sample</a>	5-8 pages <a href="#">Reading Sample</a>
<b>Conversely, the amount of text based independent learning you will be responsible for:</b>	10-20%	20-25%
<b>Units Covered</b>	Social Psychology, History, Research Methods, Biological Bases, Consciousness, Learning, Memory, Mental Health and Wellness	Social Psychology, History, Research Methods, Biological Bases, Consciousness, Learning, Memory, Mental Health and Wellness + Sensation and Perception, Thinking and Problem Solving, Personality, Development, Motivation and Emotion
<b>Summer reading assignment:</b>	No	No
<b>Major Differences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Foundational understanding of concepts</li> <li>● Focus is on application of concepts to practice/real-life situations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● College level understanding of concepts</li> <li>● More depth in concepts</li> <li>● Incorporates AP style writing and preparation for AP exam in May</li> </ul>
<b>The class is good for you if:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Enjoy listening to and participating in class discussions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prepared to engage in college-level reading and writing.</li> </ul>
<b>You should take psychology if...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● You are passionate about examining human behaviors and thought processes.</li> <li>● You are curious about yourself and the humans around you and ready for the motivations behind thoughts and actions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● You are passionate about examining human behaviors and thought processes.</li> <li>● You are curious about yourself and the humans around you and ready for the motivations behind thoughts and actions.</li> </ul>
<b>Quote for a student who has taken the course</b>	“This class helped me to better understand the differences between people. It also helped me better understand the motivations behind people’s actions. I loved the memory, social and clinical units.”	“This has definitely been my favorite class of the year and I have enjoyed every unit even when it has been challenging. Each topic was always engaging and I enjoyed it, even though it was one of my more difficult classes. I also want to keep learning more so I would say it was a great class for me and my future.”

