



Niswonger Online & AP Access for ALL Course Syllabus

AP Psychology

Course Description

In this course, students will explore the ideas, theories, and methods of the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. You'll examine the concepts of psychology through reading and discussion and you'll analyze data from psychological research studies. Students will gain the skills to connect psychological concepts and theories to real-life scenarios, understand and interpret data, and analyze research studies in psychology. For more information about this course, please visit the [College Board AP Psychology website](#).

Course Content Disclaimer

In this course, students may be required to read text or view materials that they may consider offensive. The ideas expressed in any given text do not necessarily reflect the views of the instructor, or Niswonger Foundation. Course content is selected for historical and/or cultural relevance, or as an example of practice, style and/or technique. Discussion based on selected materials may raise topics that some consider controversial or offensive. These exchanges, within the context of relevant course material, are a necessary part of the intellectual inquiry appropriate at the university level. The student's continued enrollment in this course is considered an acknowledgement of this issue and indicates a commitment to engaging the course material and class discussion.

Assistance

If you have course related questions such as questions about due dates, assignment directions, lesson material, etc. please contact your instructor immediately via Canvas message (if courses have started) or via direct email (if courses have not started). Your instructor's email and name can be found after logging in by clicking on Course Information or can be found on the homepage of your course after classes begin.

***After courses begin, all communications between instructor and student should happen from Canvas Messaging.**

If you need technical assistance at any time during the course or to report a problem with your account please visit <https://niswongeronline.com/questions/> to submit a trouble ticket or contact:

Mr. Chris Dotson
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You can also visit this page for answers to frequently asked questions:
<https://niswongeronline.com/student-help-resources/>

For other concerns that have not been addressed by your teacher or by our Technology Support Team contact:

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Course Outline

This course has a total of 170 assignments that students are required to complete. Any assignments not completed by the course checkpoints or final course due date will become a 0%.

Modules in the Course:

Pre-Modules:

- Welcome
- Canvas Introduction
- College Board Account Creation
- Academic Integrity

Unit 0: Introduction to AP Psychology

Unit 1: Biological Bases of Behavior

Unit 2: Cognitive Psychology

Unit 3: Development and Learning

Unit 4: Social Psychology and Personality

Unit 5: Mental and Physical Health

Grading Policy

All assignments will be worth 100 points. However, assignments are weighted differently. Our weighted categories are as follows:

- Core Assignments - 25%
- Quizzes - 15%
- Practice Writing Tasks - 15%
- Exams, AAQs, EBQs - 25%
- Projects - 20%

Grading breakdown:

A: 90-100 B: 80-89 C: 70-79 D: 60-69
F: 0-59

*There are a total of 162 assignments in AP Psychology.

AP Access for ALL Late Work Policy

At Niswonger Online and the AP Access for ALL program, we understand the importance of meeting deadlines and developing strong time management skills. To maintain consistency and encourage timely submissions, we have established a firm late work policy. Please click below to review this policy:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CcO1gwG6RtwOxbnyJXsuNLmxQMBri7pzAQhOi5ScA?usp=sharing>

Important Note Concerning Late Work & Multiple

Attempts on Assignments: Unit 0 and Unit 1 exams and AAQ&EBQ assignments have repeat attempts to help students practice. All quizzes, midterm and final multiple choice exams have multiple attempts. Those attempts are averaged together. We do NOT take the highest score. Also, any attempt made *after* the deadline will have points deducted according to our late policy.

Be sure to pay close attention to deadlines—late work will only be accepted with a compelling reason and instructor approval. If you know of a reason that you cannot meet a deadline, please let your teacher know as soon as possible. For example, if you will be on a trip and may not have internet access the teacher needs to know before the due date — NOT after the due date. It is your responsibility to let him/her know ahead of time.

Viewing Grades and Feedback in Canvas

Points you receive for graded activities will be posted to your Canvas Grade Book. Click on the Grades link on the left navigation to view your grades and feedback.

Your teacher will update the online grades each time a due date has passed. Check back for updated grades and feedback within 7 days after submission.

COURSE POLICIES

IEP/ 504/ ILP Accommodations

If you have a student with approved accommodations, please read the linked policy below. This information is shared with high schools at the beginning of each semester to ensure counselors understand our accommodations and can communicate them to APAA teachers to meet students' needs.

[Student/ Guardian Copy- Procedures for APAA Student Accommodations](#)

Commit to Integrity

As a student in this course, you are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism and integrity.

Cheating is “the act of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work through the use of any dishonest, deceptive, or fraudulent means.”

Plagiarism is “the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own.”

Niswonger Online Plagiarism Policy

All students will be asked to read the Niswonger Online plagiarism policy and complete an assignment to show understanding BEFORE any work in the course can be accessed or completed. The plagiarism policy and corresponding assignment is linked in the second module, labeled Academic Integrity, within each course. Go to [APAA Plagiarism and Academic Integrity Policy](#) to view the plagiarism policy without logging into the course.

IMPORTANT: The use of outside sources are strictly prohibited. It is against AP Psychology's academic policy to copy and paste from any outside document or online source (e.g. Google Docs, Words, Notepad, textbook etc.). Any responses provided should be solely typed within Canvas.

Build Rapport

If you find that you have any trouble keeping up with assignments or other aspects of the course, make sure you let your teacher know as early as possible. As you will find, building rapport and effective relationships are key to becoming an effective professional. Make sure that you are proactive in informing your teacher when difficulties arise during the semester so that we can help you find a solution.

Submitting Assignments

All assignments for this course will be submitted electronically through Canvas unless otherwise instructed. If you have any trouble submitting your assignment in Canvas you should contact your teacher or the Niswonger Online Technology team immediately.

Course Enrollment and Drops

Students can only be enrolled in a Niswonger Online course by their home high school's counselor, AP Liaison, or administrator. Course drops can only be approved by school personnel (counselor, AP Liaison, or administrator). **Online teachers, the APAA director, or APAA Assistant Director cannot approve any course changes.** Each school has its own policy on when a student may drop their online course. Please see your school counselor or administrator if you have any questions about this.