

Before Conditioning



He sees a white rat

Advanced Placement Psychology

*A college level course
for students in Grade 11 and Grade 12*

Units:

Part I. Foundations of psychology

Part II. Inward behavior

Part III. Outward Behavior

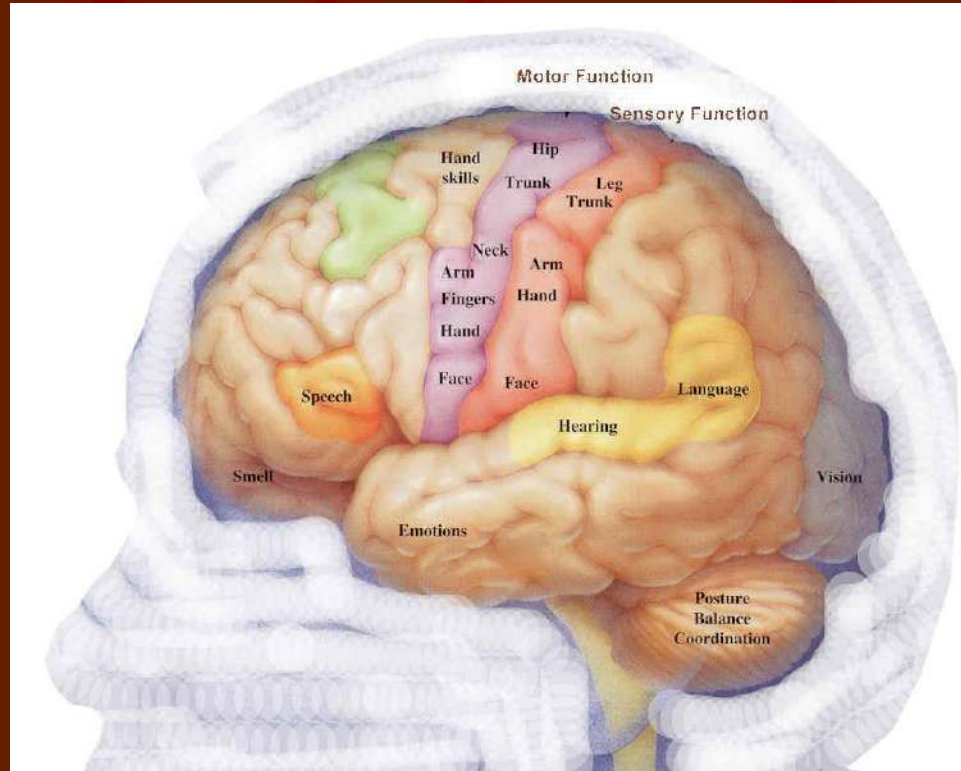
Part IV. Abnormal Psychology



Goals:

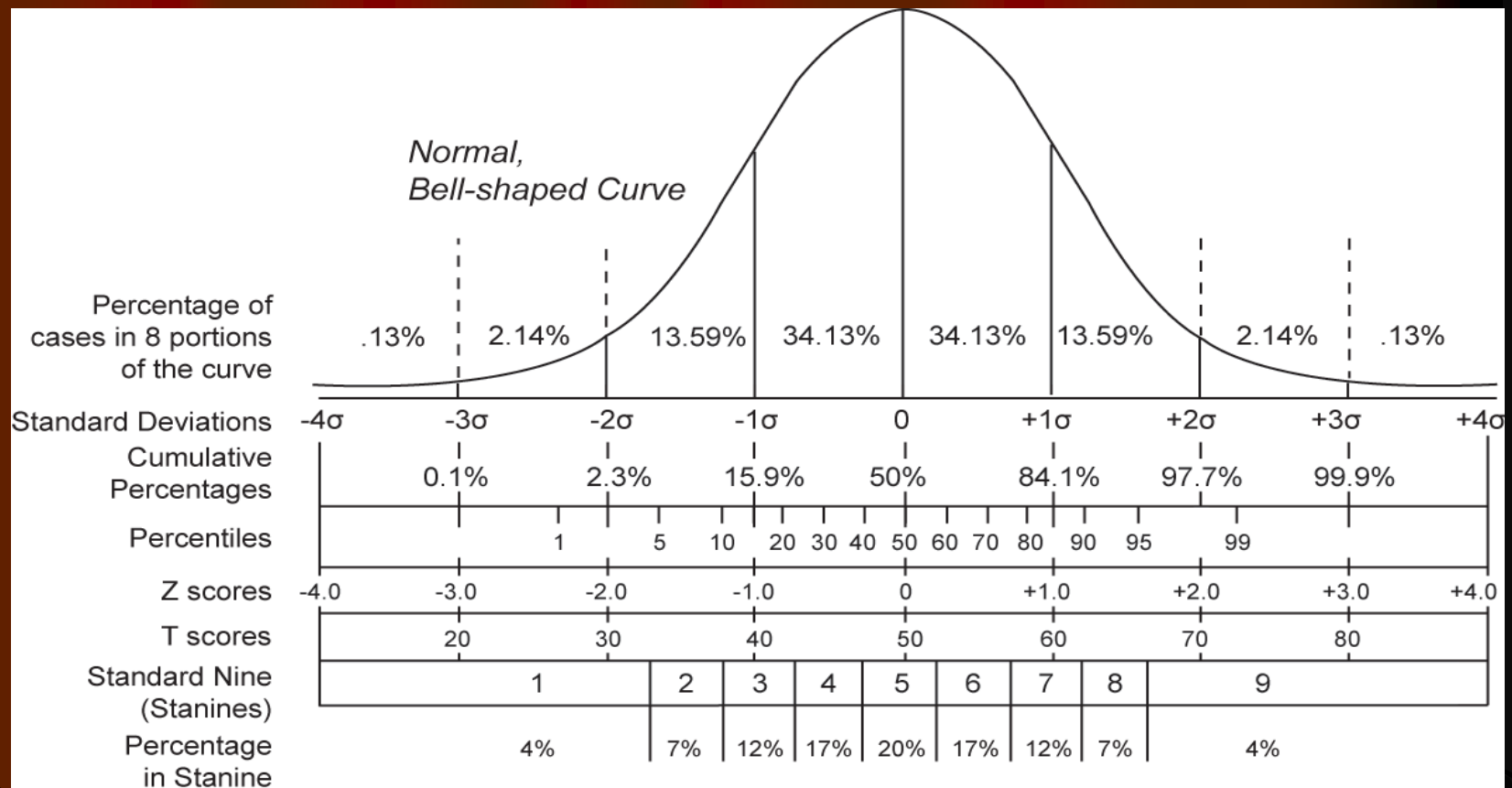
- **Goals:**
- **To successfully prepare for and participate in the AP Exam in May**
- To scientifically study human behavior
- To gain knowledge about how psychologists study human and animal behavior.
- To learn practical applications for enriching our lives.
- To reinforce the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for effective thinking, evaluating, writing, speaking, listening and reading.

Did you know that studying the brain and brain functions is more than one third of AP Psychology's course focus?



Did you know that psychologists analyze research utilizing histograms and bell curves?

We learn how to read a bell curve and calculate a standard deviation in AP Psychology.



Psychology-The study of behavior and mental processes

Psychology has its roots in philosophy and the sciences.

In college, psychology courses fulfill science requirements.

Students should expect to study research theories, research methods and the parts of the brain/nervous system.

A foundation for or strong interest in statistics and anatomy will help you in AP Psychology.

Students in AP Psychology:

- Read 20 pages every other night
- Take pop quizzes
- Take multiple choice unit tests every 2-3 weeks
- Participate in discussion regularly
- Complete a collaborative unit project per quarter
- Identify hundreds of vocabulary words and apply them conceptually

Questions answered in AP Psychology

- How do we explain behavior?
- How does our brain impact our behavior?
- How do we sense and perceive the world?
- Why do we sleep and dream?
- How do we learn?
- Why do we remember or why do we not remember?
- How do we think?
- How do people develop?
- What motivates us?
- How do we act in groups?
- What is abnormal behavior and how do we treat it?