

AP Psychology Agenda 2026-27 Unit 3 Parts 1 & 2: the Biological Bases of Behavior



Home Work Assignments (in order of due date – read all):

1. W, 10.14: Know Chart due BEFORE class
2. M, 10.19: Reading and notes Unit 3: the Biological Bases of Behavior Outline I: the Nervous System A - C; reading check probable
3. F, 10.23: HW: Myasthenia Gravis and Huntington's Disease; see google classroom for assignment (**must** turn in BEFORE class has started or I will not accept!!!!)
4. M, 10.26: HW: Nervous System Application due by 10:00 pm
5. T, 10.27: Quiz: the Nervous System (closed note, MG (major grade))
6. R, 10.29: Reading and notes Unit 3: Bio Outline II: the Brain; reading chk probable; do NOT label the brains
7. W, 11.4: MA: Unit 3 Part 1: the Biological Bases of Behavior – Outline I the Nervous System & II the Brain
8. F, 11.6: Reading and notes Unit 3 Outline III, IV: the Endocrine System & Genetics; reading check probable
9. T, 11.10: MA: Unit 3 Part 2: the Biological Bases of Behavior – Outline III & IV

NOTE: Unit 3 is divided into two parts – Part 1: Nervous System (including the Brain) and Part 2: Endocrine System and Genetics – there will be a true, full on unit assessment/test on the Nervous System (including the Brain) with mc with explanation & free response & everything ☺ then a quasi-test (shorter, mostly objective) on the Endocrine System and Genetics

YOU MUST READ AND TAKE NOTES!!! I will not cover everything in class! If it is on the outline and in the book, you are responsible for it!!!!

Part 1 LT: I will understand and be able to apply my knowledge of the structure and function of the nervous system including the brain using proper content and academic terminology!

Part 2 LT: I will understand and be able to apply my knowledge of the endocrine system as well as the nature v. nurture debate and the role of genetics in human behavior using proper content and academic vocabulary!

NOTE: Psych J's to be completed each class period unless otherwise instructed

Schedule:

W, 10.14

1. Turn in Unit 3 Know Chart BEFORE class
2. Finish Professions
3. MA: Perspectives in Psychology
4. If time, Introduction Unit 3 Part 1: I the Nervous System

F, 10.16 = NO SCHOOL! ☺

M, 10.19

1. Notes & discussion: Outline I: A: the Nervous System - diagram - divisions - function
2. Reading check probable
3. Applying and Predicting: sympathetic v. parasympathetic
4. Application CW: Sympathetic v. Parasympathetic
5. If time, Notes and discussion: Outline I: B – D Neural Transmission

W, 10.21

1. If necessary, Notes and discussion: Outline I: B – D Neural Transmission
2. Neural Transmission Practice 1 (individual); discuss
2. Notes & discussion: Outline I: E Neurotransmitters & Receptors +Intro to Neurotransmitters
3. Notes & discussion: Outline I: E Neurotransmitters & Receptors +ACH

F, 10.23

1. Neural Transmission Practice 2 (whole group)
2. Notes & discussion: Outline I: E Neurotransmitters & Receptors +NE +GABA +Dopamine +Endorphins
+Glutamate +Substance p
3. Application activity: Agonists v. Antagonists

T, 10.27

1. Turn in Myasthenia Gravis and Huntington's Disease BEFORE class
2. Neural transmission Practice 3 (individual)
3. Quiz on Nervous System (closed note; major grade)
4. Introduction: the Brain
5. Notes & discussion: Outline IIA Begin Methods of Studying the Brain

R, 10.29

1. Notes & discussion: finish Outline IIA Begin Methods of Studying the Brain, if necessary

2. Reading check probable: Outline II the Brain
3. Notes and discussion: II C Lower Brain: Parts and function (1 – 12)
4. CW/HW: Brain Parts Symbols Activity (finish for HW, if necessary)

M, 11.2

1. Finish notes and discussion: II C Lower Brain: Parts and function (1 – 12), if necessary
2. Brain Parts Application Activity
3. Notes and discussion: II D Upper Brain: location and functions of hemispheres and lobes

W, 11.4

1. MA: Unit 3: Biological Bases of Behavior: Part 1 Nervous System (including the Brain)
2. Begin Notes & discussion: the Endocrine System

F, 11.6

1. Reading check probable: Unit 3 Outline III, IV: the Endocrine System & Genetics
2. Notes & discussion: Endocrine System and Genetics

T, 11.10

1. MA: Unit 3 Part 2: Endocrine System and Genetics
2. CW assignment: Senses
4. Intro: U 4 Part 1 Sensation

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