

PSYCHOLOGY

Advanced Level Subject Guide
Exam Board: AQA

COURSE OVERVIEW

A-Level Psychology will give you an understanding of the way people think and why people behave in certain ways. You will learn a variety of skills including analytical thinking, improved communication, problem solving and many more that will prepare you for an exciting future with the possibility of a range of fantastic careers.

AIMS

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, research methods and ethical issues in relation to the specified content;
- Apply psychological knowledge and understanding of the specified content in a range of contexts;
- Analyse, interpret and evaluate psychological concepts, theories, research studies and research methods in relation to the specified content;
- Evaluate therapies and treatments including in terms of their appropriateness and effectiveness.
- Knowledge and understanding of research methods, practical research skills and mathematical skills will be assessed in Paper1 & 2. These skills should be developed through study of the specification content and through ethical practical research activities, involving:
 - Designing research
 - Conducting research
 - Analysing and interpreting data.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- It is recommended to have a Grade 6 or above at GCSE Science, Maths and English.

"A student who studies Psychology at A Level would have a scientific desire for proof and evidence, be confident in handling data and statistics and be looking to take a science-based course at university."

EXAMINATIONS

- There are three written exam papers at the end of Year 2; two hours each.
- Exams are worth 96 Marks each and will contribute to your overall A-Level.
- Exams consist of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.



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COURSE OUTLINE – What do we study?

Year 1

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Approaches in Psychology
- Biopsychology
- Psychopathology
- Research Methods

Year 2

Compulsory Content: Issues and Debates in Psychology

Option Content - A choice of:

- OPTION 1: Gender
- OPTION 2: Schizophrenia
- OPTION 3: Forensic Psychology

There are no coursework components on this course.

CAREERS & OPPORTUNITIES

As well as the obvious psychologically-based courses, there are: nursing, sociology, criminology, anthropology, counselling, psychobiology, education, management studies, advertising, neuroscience, sports science, forensic psychology, psychosocial studies, abnormal psychological studies, childhood studies, human resourcing, ethics, therapies, human studies, cultural studies, identity and learning, animal behaviour and care and more...

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