

PSYCHOLOGY

Qualification: A-Level | Exam board: OCR



SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behaviour, and is a very popular subject.

During this course you will develop both an academic understanding of the subject and an appreciation of its impact on people's daily lives.



Successful completion of this course will also give you access to a range of higher education courses including psychology degrees.

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YEAR ONE COURSE CONTENT

Research methods

You will learn about the four main techniques for collecting/analysing data. These are:

- self-report
- experiment
- observation
- correlation.

You will also learn about:

- planning and conducting research
- data recording, analysis and presentation
- report writing
- psychology as a science.

You will also carry out small scale practical activities and reflect on your experiences.

Psychological themes through core studies

You will learn about five key areas of research and classic and contemporary studies in each area.

You will also learn about:

- areas and perspectives in psychology
- methodological issues
- debates in psychology.

YEAR TWO COURSE CONTENT

Research methods

You will build on your learning about the four main techniques for collecting/analysing data that was covered in Year One.

Psychological themes through core studies

You will learn about five further key areas of research and classic and contemporary studies in each area.

Applied psychology

You will learn about issues in mental health.

In addition you will study two out of the following applied psychology options:

- Child psychology*
- Criminal psychology*

*Units are subject to change.

You will also learn about issues and debates that run through this component.

WHAT DOES THIS COURSE PREPARE ME FOR?

Qualifications in psychology can lead to a wide range of careers including personnel, health services, counselling, teaching and police services.

Successful completion of this course will also give you access to a range of higher education courses including psychology degrees.

COURSE SUPPORT AND ENRICHMENT

Class materials and tutor interaction together with exercises set via our Virtual Learning Environment are designed to support the learning experience of psychology.

ASSESSMENT

This course is assessed by exams.

There is no coursework. There is a requirement that the assessment for A-Level Psychology includes 10% maths skills.

A-Level exams:

- Research methods
- Psychological themes through core studies
- Applied Psychology



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