

A Level Psychology

What is Psychology?

Psychology is the science of human behaviour and experience. Psychologists use the same methods as other scientists. They aim to find out about human behaviour by conducting research.

Why study Psychology?

It allows you to experience new subjects without committing long-term. We know that it can be difficult to choose a subject that will be right for you. Psychology helps you to gain good results, as you can discover which subjects are best suited to you and tailor your degree accordingly. The subject helps you grow intellectually and academically providing an opportunity to develop your confidence and perfect your essay writing style. Not only will you gain academic experience, but you will also develop practical problem solving skills, which is both enriching and attractive to employers.

How is Psychology taught?

During your A Level course there will be a wide selection of new topics, but it's not all theory. Teaching consists of a variation of methods that will suit all learners. You'll also be able to enjoy practical activities such as conducting research practical's and may even undertake a research investigation of your own.

To study this course, what qualifications will I need and in which subjects?

Students wishing to study A Level Psychology must have 6 GCSEs at grade 4 and above including grade 5 in English, grade 5 in Maths and grade 5 in Science.

What is the structure of the course?

A Level
Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology (Year 1) Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology
Paper 2: Psychology in Context (Year 1&2) Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology and Research Methods
Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology (Year 2) Issues and Debates in Psychology, Gender, Schizophrenia, and Forensic Psychology
Assessment: Three 2 hour written exams worth 96 marks each (Each worth 33.3% of the A-level)
Questions: A mixture of short and long answer essay questions

What opportunities are there for me to study beyond the classroom?

There are many opportunities for students to expand their learning through partnerships with the UEA and University of Cambridge. Throughout the year there will be specialised conferences that students will be invited to attend ranging in a variety of topics related to Psychology.

What kind of career does this subject/qualification prepare me for?

Studying Psychology will give you a variety of career options, especially if you are interested in working with people. A foundation in Psychology will contribute to a career in Management and Human Resources, Education, Public Sector Work, Health and Social Care, Marketing, Public Relations and Medicine.