

AQA A Level Psychology

Why study Psychology?

An A level in Psychology would provide students with an in-depth understanding of human behaviour. They will also gain the ability to conduct research and will critically review studies that were conducted to discover more about the human mind. It is a great foundation for many careers in law, journalism, psychiatry, social work, counselling and the police, amongst others.

What are the entry requirements?

Grade 6 or above in English Language/Literature, Maths, Science (especially Biology), and History or Geography.

What will I study?

During the course, you will how different approaches explain human behaviour, how behaviour is studied and analysed and how to conduct your own research. You will also learn how to critically analyse both studies and theories.

Compulsory content:

- 1 Social influence
- 2 Memory
- 3 Attachment
- 4 Psychopathology
- 5 Approaches in psychology
- 6 Biopsychology
- 7 Research methods
- 8 Issues and debates in psychology

Optional content:

- 9 Relationships
- 10 Schizophrenia
- 11 Forensic psychology

You will enjoy this course if...

You are fascinated by the way humans behave and how their mind works.
You are interesting in how research is conducted in the real world.
You are good at written exams (mixture of multiple choice, shorter mark questions and longer essay questions).

How will my work be assessed?

The qualification is linear. Students will sit their exams at the end of their A level course.

Paper 1: Topics 1-4. Examination paper: A mixture of short and long answer questions and extended response questions. Total marks – 96. Duration: 2 hours. 33.3% of the total A level marks.

Paper 2: Topics 5-7. Examination paper: A mixture of short and long answer questions and extended response questions. Total marks – 96. Duration: 2 hours. 33.3% of the total A level marks.

Paper 3: Topic 8 plus some of the optional content. A mixture of short and long answer questions and extended response questions. Total marks – 96. Duration: 2 hours. 33.3% of the total A level marks.