

Psychology

AS LEVEL

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COURSE CODE

AS Level AQA 7181
A Level AQA 7182

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 6 in English Language is essential
Grade 5 in Maths
5 in Science or Biology
B grade in GCSE Sociology if studied previously

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

Students will study a broad variety of theoretical units including, Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology, Research Methods and Approaches; including Biopsychology in the first year.

Units taught during the second year are, Gender, Aggression, Schizophrenia, Issues and Debates.

Students will have the opportunity to carry out their own practical research in these different topic areas.

ASSESSMENT:

Students will be taught for the A level unless they opt for psychology as their 4th option.

AS Level

There are two written papers, each paper is 1.5 hours and out of a total of 72 marks.
Each paper is worth 50% of the final AS mark

A Level

There are three papers, each paper is 2 hours and out of a total of 96 marks.
Each paper is worth 33.3% of the final A level mark

Paper 1 covers introductory topics (Year 1 content)
Paper 2 covers psychology in context (Year 1 & 2 content)
Paper 3 covers issues and options in psychology (Year 2 content)

NEXT STEPS

Studying psychology offers you the opportunity to understand some of the causes of human behaviour, and develop skills and knowledge that is easily applicable to everyday life and also learn transferable mathematical and scientific research skills. These are skills that are actively welcomed by employers and universities. Specific higher education courses include Psychology, Behavioural Sciences, Neuroscience, Social Work, Education, Physiotherapy.

CAREER INFORMATION

Psychology is a versatile subject which develops transferable skills useful for many careers. A psychology degree can lead on to a professional qualification and career in psychology, including clinical, educational and occupational psychology. These careers require a post-graduate doctorate qualification and work experience to be completed. Other related careers include teaching, educational services, health care, social care, forensics, human resources, business, counselling, research and many more.

