



Course Overview:

Psychology is a great choice if you have a genuine interest in learning a scientific approach to understanding human behaviour. Although Psychology is a fascinating subject it demands a thorough, logical and rigorous understanding of methodology which can be used to evaluate human behaviour.

Topics covered

The first year will set the foundations of psychology looking at a variety of topics. The second year will delve more deeply into issues and debates within psychology and more in depth study by

TEACHERS SAY...

A Level Psychology offers a great combination for studying many other A Levels. Students can combine with a mainly science programme or take a more social science route.

choosing options from three areas.

YOUR NOTES

First year of A level	Second year of A level
Social Influence and Memory	Compulsory Content: Issues and debates in Psychology
Attachment and approaches in psychology	Optional Content: Option 1 Relationships, Gender, Cognition and development
Biopsychology and research methods	Option 2: Schizophrenia, Eating behaviour, Stress Option 3: Aggression, Forensic psychology, Addiction

A level Psychology

Examination Board:



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Entry requirements: Five 9 to 4 (A* to C) with a minimum 5 in Science and English

Type of Assessment:

The Psychology course is assessed solely by examination.

Students will sit three two hour exam papers that account for one third of your A level. The exams consist of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions. There is no coursework.

This course goes well with:

Sciences, English and Humanities

Possible degree options

According to bestcourse4me.com, the top six degree courses taken by students who have an A level in Psychology are:

- Psychology
- English Studies
- Sociology
- Business Studies
- teaching
- Sport and Exercise Science

What can I do now to help me prepare for my course?

As you will have probably never studied Psychology at school before, we do recommend that you carry out some research online to find out more about the different approaches you will study. Try the BPS (British Psychological Society) website as a starting point; it provides useful information about possible career choices within psychology.

Hopefully, it will demonstrate that A Level Psychology is a very challenging and rigorous course which offers great insights into why people behave the way they do.

<http://www.bps.org.uk/what-we-do/bps/bps>

The British Psychological Society promotes excellence and ethical practice in the science, education and practical applications of psychology.

<https://www.loopa.co.uk/>

Excellent revision website dedicated to AQA A level Psychology

<https://www.simplypsychology.org/a-level-psychology.html>

Full set of notes for the new A level

<http://www.psychteacher.co.uk/>

Plenty of revision notes, with the tag line of making your a level Psychology easier!

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk>

Excellent revision source for A Level.

Literacy, when you...

..read around the subject, and use several sources of information to write essays.

Numeracy, when you...

..analyse data using statistical techniques.

ICT, when you...

..research current theories, create presentations and complete assignments.

Possible Career options:

Studying an A level Psychology related degree at university gives you all sorts of exciting career options, including:

Marketing

Business development

Accountancy

Human resources

Forensic psychology

Occupational therapy

Clinical psychology

Nursing

Teaching