



A Level Psychology

Why study Psychology?

Ever wondered if prison really does change criminal behaviour? Or why people conform even when they don't want to? Or perhaps if the experiences you had before the age of five really do shape the person you are today? Studying A Level Psychology has some of the answers and will give you an understanding of the way people think and why people behave in the way they do.

You will learn a variety of skills including analytical thinking, improved communication, problem solving and many more that will prepare you for an exciting future with the possibility of a range of fantastic careers.

Where will A Level Psychology take you?

Possible degree options

According to bestcourse4me.com, the top seven-degree courses taken by students who have an A Level in psychology are:

1. Psychology
2. English studies
3. Sociology
4. Business studies
5. Teaching
6. Sport and exercise science
7. Law

Possible career options

Studying psychology at university can give you a whole host of exciting career options, including:

- Marketing
- Business development
- Accountancy
- Human resources
- Forensic psychology
- Occupational therapy
- Clinical psychology
- Nursing
- Teaching

What topics will you study?

First year of A Level

Social influence	Biopsychology
Memory	Psychopathology
Attachment	Research methods
Approaches in psychology	



Second year of A level

Compulsory content:

Issues and debates in psychology

Optional content

Option one - Gender

Option two - Schizophrenia

Option three - Forensic psychology

How will you be assessed?

At A Level there are three exams, each account for one third of your A Level. The three exams last 2 hours and are worth 96 marks each. The exams consist of multiple choice, short answer, and extended writing questions.

Beginning the course

The course will begin with the study of Social Influence which covers conformity, obedience, social control, minority influence and resisting social influence. There are 4 topic areas in Paper 1 with research methods embedded within each topic and as a stand-alone topic in paper 2. Additionally, because Research Methods consist of almost 33% of the total marks, it is vitally important that every student has a sound understanding of research methods, to this end Research Methods will be taught alongside other topics throughout the whole course from week one.

Entry Requirements

A grade 5 in GCSE English and Mathematics is required.

