



A Level Psychology

What is A Level Psychology?

A Level Psychology is the study of mind and behaviour.

What does the course involve?

The course is designed to provide an introduction to the nature of Psychology as a science. The emphasis is on applying knowledge and understanding rather than just acquiring knowledge. This develops students' skills of analysis, evaluation and critical thinking.

What themes are studied?

Unit 1—Social Influence, Memory and Attachment, Psychopathology

Unit 2—Approaches in Psychology, Psychopathology, Biopsychology and Research Methods

Unit 3—Issues and debates in Psychology, Relationships, Schizophrenia and Addiction

How is it assessed?

Examination Board: AQA

Paper 1—2 hour written exam. 33.3% of total A' Level mark.

Paper 2—2 hour written exam. 33.3% of total A' Level mark.

Paper 3—2 hour written exam. 33.3% of total A' Level mark.

No coursework.

What next?

There are specific careers for Psychologists such as clinical (Mental health), forensic, education, sport and more. However Psychology is also relevant to most career choices, especially Human resources, teaching, nursing, accountancy, law, medicine, social work and sales/marketing.

For more information about the course, your suitability for it, and possible career paths for students of Psychology, see the displays in the Humanities block, talk to your Psychology teacher or Miss Pickwick, Head of Social Sciences.