



2021-22 Course Details

A-Level Psychology (AQA)

A-Level Psychology is a two year course which focuses on 11 topics, including social influence (why do people conform and obey), memory (what is it and how does it work?) and psychopathology (the study of mental health).

To support student progress and achievement, the teaching of Psychology surrounds the development of assessment objectives to demonstrate their learning. The examinations will measure how students have achieved the following assessment objectives.

AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures.

AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures.

AO3: Analyse, interpret and evaluate scientific information, ideas and evidence, including in relation to issues, to make judgements and reach conclusions.

Qualities and qualifications needed

- Must have an interest in 'what makes society work'.
- An ability to read extensively outside of the classroom and complete independent learning of other kinds.
- Must have a good written style and willingness to write extended essays.
- Knowledge and competence in statistical mathematics.
- Grade 6 in English language or Grade 5 in Philosophy and Ethics (if studied).

How will the course be assessed?



Examination Component



Controlled Component

Students will be taught in the classroom. As with all A-Level subjects it is expected that students will complete a great deal of independent learning each week in order to fully prepare them for their learning each week.



Course content

The course is broken down in to mandatory units which are studies relating to psychological theory. The units studied include:

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Approaches in psychology including Biological Psychology
- Psychopathology
- Research methods
- Issues and debates

To see success you need to have an analytical mind, competence with statistical Mathematics and an interest in the world at large and explanations for behaviours.

The course would lead into Higher Education opportunities, such as studying psychological, Social Sciences, Criminology, Politics and Social Policy. It could also lead to careers in multiple fields in Psychology – for example Child Psychology, Research posts, Education and Teaching.



Examinations



3 x 2 hour papers

Assessment in A-Level Psychology takes place via three two hour papers which include a combination of multiple choice, short and extended answer questions.

An 'extended response' is evidence of sufficient length generated to allow students to demonstrate their ability to construct and develop a sustained line of reasoning which is coherent, relevant, substantiated and logically structured.

Methods of teaching and learning

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Thank you for helping me achieve the best I can and understanding my mental health and helping and listening when I was struggling.

SRPA student
