



PSYCHOLOGY

Course Information

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behaviour.

Psychology is a SCIENCE and involves the study of mental processes and behaviour in the context of real life experiences. This course is for those who have an enquiring mind, like to discuss and wish to gain an understanding of how humans (and non-humans) develop, socialise and interact with each other. Psychology is not just an academic subject; it's a life-skill.

A Level Psychology 2017 Course Content (AQA A)

Unit 1	Social influence - Why do people conform to group pressures and obey authority?
Unit 2	Memory - Why do we remember and how do we forget?
Unit 3	Attachment - What happens when attachments go wrong in early infancy?
Unit 4	Approaches in Psychology - What are the origins of Psychology and is Psychology a science?
Unit 5	Psychopathology - What is 'abnormality'? How do people develop Phobias, Depression and OCD and how do psychologists help with treatment?
Unit 6	Research Methods - How do we investigate behaviour? How should psychological research be carried out and interpreted?
Unit 7	Biopsychology – The role of neurotransmitters, hormones and genes in the understanding and interpretation of behaviour
Unit 8	Issues and debates in Psychology – Including nature/nurture, freewill/determinism, idiographic/nomothetic and holism/reductionism

We will then select 1 topic from each of these option blocks:

Option block 1	Relationships, Gender, or Cognitive Development
Option block 2	Schizophrenia, Eating Behaviour, or Stress
Option block 3	Aggression, Forensic Psychology, or Addiction

Career Pathway

Students will develop transferable skills that both support study in a wide range of subjects at university and the transition to employment, including quantitative and analytical analysis and forming and testing hypotheses. The development and application of mathematical skills prepare students for study of psychology and related courses at university. Many of our students progress from this qualification to higher education qualifications such as psychology degrees, and biology-related courses.

Should you like to receive any additional information on this course please contact
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