

AS and A2 (full A-level) Psychology



INTRODUCTION

This course aims to give you a broad understanding as to why we think and behave in the way that we do. Today Psychology is seen as a science and you will be undertaking a *scientific* study of the brain and behaviour. You will also gain an academic qualification which will be part of the requirements for University entrance, should you wish to pursue this highly interesting subject further. If University is not a viable option, you will have gained a qualification that will be useful for all types of employment and acquired a much better understanding of yourself and other people.

WHAT WILL I DO

Lectures will involve students acquiring knowledge and understanding of psychological theories. You will learn to demonstrate an ability to analyse and evaluate psychological theories and findings and how to apply this knowledge. This will be achieved by group discussions/debates, practical experiments and written work. You will learn the 'language' of 'How Science Works,' which is invaluable in Psychology where evidence is paramount if a theory is to be taken seriously.

In your first year you will study:

AS SUBJECTS:

UNIT 1

- Cognitive Psychology-Memory
- Developmental Psychology-Early Social Development
- Research Methods

UNIT 2

- Biological Psychology-Stress
- Social Psychology-Social Influence
- Individual Differences-Psychopathology (abnormality)

A2 SUBJECTS:

In the second year, topics will be negotiated between Lecturer and Students

UNIT 3

TOPICS IN PSYCHOLOGY (3 of the following)

- Biological rhythms and sleep
- Perception
- Relationships
- Aggression
- Eating behaviour
- Gender
- Intelligence and Learning
- Cognition and Development

UNIT 4

PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

- Schizophrenia

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE

It will take 1 year of study to achieve the AS level qualification and 2 years to achieve the full A Level.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Normally 5 GCSE's grade C or above. It is essential that English is a GCSE C or above and Maths and Science Grade C are preferable but not essential.

WHERE COULD IT LEAD

A Level Psychology combines well with biological and social science. It will serve you well in any career where understanding behaviour is helpful, such as teaching, medicine, social work, business and management, the uniformed services as well as various therapies.

FEES

Full time Courses are free for those who are under 19 on 31 August of the year they start their course. For others, fees may vary depending on personal circumstances. Please enquire for details.

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HOW TO APPLY

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