

Why Study A Level Psychology?

Course Introduction

Explore the science behind human behaviour and discover why people think, feel and act the way they do. A-level Psychology examines how experiences, relationships, biology and environment shape human behaviour. This will develop your understanding of the mind while encouraging you to question theories, analyse evidence and consider different explanations.

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs with a minimum Grade 6
Minimum Grade 6 in GCSE English &
Grade 5 in Maths & any Science

Course Content

A-level Psychology explores the factors that influence behaviour, using scientific research to investigate how the mind works.

- Introductory topics: Study social influence, memory, attachment, and clinical psychology and mental health.
- Psychology in context: Explore psychological approaches, biopsychology and research methods.
- Issues and options: Investigate issues and debates in psychology, alongside optional topics such as relationships, schizophrenia, aggression or forensic psychology.

Skills Developed

Develop your ability to think critically, analyse evidence and evaluate different explanations of behaviour. You'll strengthen your research, data interpretation and written communication skills while learning to question assumptions, assess scientific studies and construct balanced, evidence-based arguments.

Career Opportunities

A-level Psychology can lead to university courses and careers in psychology, counselling, mental health, education, criminology and social work. It also provides a useful foundation for fields such as human resources, marketing and research, where understanding people, interpreting evidence and communicating effectively are valuable skills.

Course Assessment

Assessment is through three written examinations using multiple-choice, short-answer and extended-response questions.

- Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology: 2 hours (33.3%).
- Paper 2: Psychology in Context: 2 hours (33.3%).
- Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology: 2 hours (33.3%).

