

Psychology

What will I need before taking this course?

At least a Grade 5 in GCSE Science, English Language and Mathematics. You also need to attain a Grade 6 or above in one of these subjects.

What can I do at the end of the course?

Psychology can lead into almost any degree at university. It is particularly useful for those considering a 'people orientated' and/or Scientific career in the future.

Assessment and Grading

Unit 1 - Introductory topics in psychology: Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology.

Written paper 2 hours

Unit 2 - Psychology in context : Approaches, Biopsychology, Research methods.

Written paper 2 hours

Unit 3 - Issues and options in psychology: Issues and debates and three of Relationships, Gender, Cognition and Development, Schizophrenia, Eating behaviour, Stress, Aggression, Forensic Psychology, Addiction.

Written paper 2 hours

What will I learn?

Topics studied include:

- Obedience, conformity and social change.
- Memory, including the multi-store and working memory models.
- Addiction and aggression.
- Offender profiling, causes of crime.
- Schizophrenia, depression, phobias, OCD treatments of mental disorders.
- Case studies, such as CW, HM who had brain damage and amnesia.
- Research methods such as practical investigations, statistics, experiments, observations and questionnaires.
- Debates eg ethics, social control.

How will I learn?

By applying scientific principles when carrying out investigations and analysing psychological research and theory. Class activities e.g. debates, discussions, role-plays. By questioning 'common sense' ideas people have about human behaviour and critically examining psychological evidence.

AWARDING BODY	AQA
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