

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Psychology



Examination Board: AQA
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Course Structure

Unit	Topics/Unit Title	Assessment		
A Level Content		Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology Compulsory content 1-4 Assessed: written exam: 2 hours 96 marks in total 33.3% of A-Level	Paper 2: Psychology in Content Compulsory content 5-7 Assessed: written exam: 2 hours 96 marks in total 33.3% of A-Level	Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology Compulsory content 8 Optional content, one from option 1, 9-11 one from option 2, 12-14 one from option 3, 15-17 Assessed: written exam: 2 hours 96 marks in total 33.3% of A-Level
1	Social influence			
2	Memory			
3	Attachment			
4	Psychopathology			
5	Approaches in Psychology			
6	Biopsychology			
7	Research methods			
8	Issues and debates in Psychology			
Option 1				
9	Relationships			
10	Gender			
11	Cognition and development			
Option 2				
12	Schizophrenia			
13	Eating behaviour			
14	Stress			
Option 3				
15	Aggression			
16	Forensic Psychology			
17	Addiction			

What does the course involve?

Enables candidates to explore and understand the relationship between psychological knowledge, theories and methodology and their relationship to social, cultural, scientific and contemporary issues. The A Level course covers issues and debates, plus 3 further options to be decided. This eclectic mix of topics allows students to have a good all round knowledge of psychology that is fundamental to understanding human behaviour. It will also equip students with other necessary skills such as analysis and evaluation and also allow them to carry out their own piece of research.

Further Study/Employment Prospects

- Psychiatrist/Psychotherapy
- Social researcher
- Environmental, occupational, forensic psychology
- Police
- Social Services

Entry Requirements

It is not necessary for candidates to have studied GCSE Psychology before commencing work on this specification and no prior knowledge of psychology is necessary. It is desirable for candidates to have achieved grade 5 or equivalent in science, English and mathematics before commencing this specification.