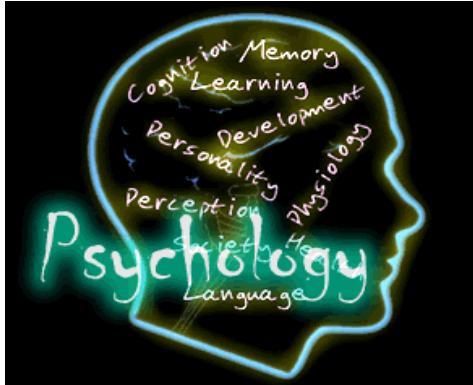


Psychology

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Psychology students say...

“Psychology is an insightful subject which enabled me to adopt a more reflective and perceptual attitude it also linked well to my other subjects; English Literature, and History.

“If you are interested in how the brain works, There is a lot of Biology in Psychology for example stress pathways and the effects of neurotransmitters in Schizophrenia. Psychology compliments my A Level Biology.

“Psychology really complements my business studies as it helps me understand what motivates people and how our childhood and relationships can influence our behaviour and self esteem.”

Entry Requirements

B in English Language, **C** in Maths and **C** in Science **B** in English Literature

Method of assessment

- AS Level: 100% Examination.
- A2 Level: 100% Examination.

Key Skills The emphasis is on applying knowledge and understanding rather than just acquiring knowledge, thereby developing students' transferable skills of analysis, evaluation and critical thinking.

Exam board: AQA Course Content — AS Level

Paper 1: Topics in Psychology: written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes

- 1 Social influence
- 2 Memory
- 3 Attachment

72 marks in total 50% of AS level

3 section A, B and C: Each section is 24 marks and consists of MCQ, Short answer questions and extended writing.

Paper 2: Psychology in Context written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes

- 4 Approaches in Psychology
- 5 Psychopathology
- 6 Research methods

72 marks in total, 50% of AS level

Exam board: AQA Course Content — A2 Level

Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology:

Assessed by: written exam: 2 hours, 96 marks in total: **33.3% of A level. 4 Sections A-D all 24 marks consisting of MCQ, short answer and extended writing questions,**

Topics include:

- 1 Social influence
- 2 Memory
- 3 Attachment
- 4 Psychopathology

Paper 2: Psychology in context

Assessed by: written exam: 2 hours, 96 marks in total: **33.3% of A level. 3 Sections**

Topics include:

- 5 Social influence
- 6 Memory
- 7 Attachment

Paper 3: Issues and options in Psychology

Topics include:

- 8 topics include Issues and debates in psychology
- 9 Relationships
- 12 Schizophrenia
- 15 Aggression

Assessed by: written exam: 2 hours, 96 marks in total: **33.3%**

4 sections, 24 marks, each consisting of MCQ, short answer and extended writing questions,