



A Level Psychology

Exam Board - Edexcel

Course Summary

Psychology: the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. As part of the course we study several aspects of psychological theory and research alongside giving students the opportunity to explore how Psychology has contributed to our understanding of individual, social and cultural life. A large part of Psychology involves analysing research and assessing what strengths and weaknesses it has and how it supports and refutes various theories

Modules

Year 1:

- Social Psychology including obedience, prejudice and discrimination
- Cognitive Psychology including the structure and function of memory
- Biological Psychology including the structure and function of the brain
- Learning theories; the role of conditioning in phobias and eating disorders

Year 2:

- One compulsory topic of Clinical Psychology including Schizophrenia
- A choice of one topic from Criminological Psychology, Health Psychology or Child Psychology

Assessment

Paper 1 (2 hours) Social, cognitive, biological and learning theories

Paper 2 (2 hours) Contains clinical and one topic from criminological, child or health Psychology

Paper 3 (2 hours) Contains methodology, review of studies and issues and debates in Psychology

Career Opportunities

The study of Psychology provides a useful foundation for further study at degree level. It is highly regarded by universities and employers because it develops skills of critical analysis and gives an understanding of people. Psychology is particularly useful for careers such as Social work, Law, Teaching, Business, Marketing, Public services, Nursing and other health-related careers

Complimenting subjects: Biology, Sociology, Criminology

Psychology is a very versatile subject giving excellent critical analysis and people skills. This means it compliments most subjects well

