

PSYCHOLOGY

AQA A Level Psychology

Code: AQA A-Level Psychology

Taught hours per week: 6 hours

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Course Content

Unit 1

- **Social Psychology**
(conformity, obedience, social influence, minority influence, social change)
- **Memory**
(models of memory, explanations of forgetting, eye-witness testimony)
- **Attachment**
(stages of attachment, animal studies, explanation of attachment, Strange Situation, Maternal Deprivation, Romanian orphan studies, influence of early attachment on later relationships)
- **Psychopathology**
(Defining abnormality, the characteristics, explanations and treatments of OCD, depression and phobias)

Unit 2

- **Approaches in Psychology** (Learning approaches, cognitive approach, biological approach, psychodynamic approach and humanistic approach)
- **Biopsychology** (Key biological structures and processes that underpin human behaviour)
- **Research Methods** (Analysis of the types of research studied in psychology. Includes a 10% compulsory maths content of data analysis including inferential statistics and scientific processes)

Unit 3

- **Options** (3 options from gender, relationships, cognition and development, stress, schizophrenia, eating behaviours, aggression, addiction, forensic psychology)
- **Issues and Debates in Psychology** (Analyse, interpret and evaluate psychological theories, approaches and research studies)

Assessment

All three A-Level exams are 2 hours each and are equally weighted at 33.3%

Possible Careers in Psychology

Criminal Psychologist, Educational Psychologist, Child Psychologist, Clinical Psychologist, Cognitive Neuroscientist, Counsellors, Sport Psychologist.

Textbooks

(online subscription provided)

https://www.amazon.co.uk/d/Books/AQA-Psychology-Level-Year-AS-Student-Book/190868240X/ref=pd_bxgy_14_img_2?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=KPZ1MSES7QJ6CBMKAKY8

http://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-Psychology-Level-Year-Student/dp/1908682418/ref=pd_sim_14_3?ie=UTF8&dpID=51DKtGid-HL&dpSrc=sims&preST=AC_UL160_SR127%2C160_&refRID=1C0NQR2Z6W5GWBBKEBQ

Entry requirements:

Grade 6 in Science, Mathematics and English; or a grade 6 in Psychology.

Please note, you do not need to have taken GCSE Psychology in order to take the subject at A Level.

