AS Level / A Level Psychology (Full-Time/Part-Time)

Also available as a Part-Time option – please select ‘Click here to contact us’ for more information.

The AS Level / A Level Psychology is a Full-time Further Education course in the Sixth Form Academy (SFA), designed for students who are interested in the field of psychology and becoming a psychologist.

If you have ever wondered ‘Why do we forget?’ or ‘Why are some people more likely to commit crime more than others?’ or ‘How does our brain work?’ then you have asked some of the questions that psychologists ask.

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. Psychologists attempt to describe how people behave and explain why. To do this course, you need to enjoy reading and critical thinking. Studying this subject enables you to think about the explanations that psychologists have put forward to explain certain behaviours. You will consider the criticisms of this research and how thinking has changed over time.

Some of the topics covered in this course may raise issues that could become personally distressing to some individuals, e.g. explanations of phobia; treatment of mental disorders; and the use of animals in experiments. If you think you will be affected, we advise you to consider this before choosing to study this course.

Applying for AS Levels or A Levels? Click ‘Apply Now’ on any ONE of the subjects you are interested in studying. Complete the online application form, where you will be asked to specify your other two choices. Then book an Interview appointment to meet the tutors and discuss your preferred choices.

Entry Requirements

Minimum GCSE English Language grade B, GCSE Maths grade C and Science grade C/C or C/C/C are required

Career Prospects

Not only will Psychology give you a deeper understanding of human behaviour, but it will also develop your oral and written communication skills within research, study, and revision.

Most universities will accept A/AS Psychology, with past students progressing into a wide range of courses and careers, e.g. Psychology degrees, Teaching, Sport, and Business.

Besides, students with an A-Level in Psychology have been accepted for degree courses in Law, Criminology, Counselling, Veterinary Science, Biological and Environmental Sciences.

Course Modules

AS
Unit 1: Past to Present. Compulsory questions relating to five psychological approaches, therapies and classic pieces of research evidence.

Unit 2: Using Psychological Concepts. Contemporary debate, Principles of research, Application of research to a novel scenario.

A2
Unit 3: Implications in the Real World. The Study of Behaviours, Controversies.

Unit 4: Applied Research Methods. Personal Investigation, Novel Scenarios.

Assessment

AS
Unit 1: Past to Present. Written examination – 1 hour 30 minutes, 20% of qualification.

Unit 2: Using Psychological Concepts. Written examination – 1 hour 30 minutes, 20% of qualification.

A2
Unit 3: Implications in the Real World. Written examination – 2 hours 30 minutes, 40% of qualification.

Unit 4: Applied Research Methods. Written examination – 1 hour 30 minutes, 20% of qualification.

Additional Costs

There will be additional course-related costs.

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