

Why choose AS and A-level Psychology?

Ever wondered if prison really does change criminal behaviour?

Or why some people conform?

Or perhaps if the experiences you had before the age of five really do shape the person you are today?

AS and A-level Psychology will give you an understanding of the way people think and why people behave in certain ways.

You will learn a variety of skills including analytical thinking, improved communication, problem solving and many more that will prepare you for an exciting future with the possibility of a range of fantastic careers.

Where will AS and A-level Psychology take you?

Possible degree options

According to bestcourse4me.com, the top seven degree courses taken by students who have an A-level in psychology are:

- Psychology
- English studies
- Sociology
- Business studies
- Teaching
- Sport and exercise science
- Law.

Possible career options

Studying psychology at university can give you a whole host of exciting career options, including:

- Marketing
- Business development
- Accountancy
- Human resources
- Forensic psychology
- Occupational therapy
- Clinical psychology
- Nursing
- Teaching.



Find out more
aqa.org.uk/psychology

What topics will you study?

AS and first year of A-level	Second year of A-level
Subject content <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social influence• Memory• Attachment• Approaches in psychology• Biopsychology• Psychopathology• Research methods	Compulsory content <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues and debates in psychology Optional content <p>Option one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relationships• Gender• Cognition and development <p>Option two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schizophrenia• Eating behaviour• Stress <p>Option three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aggression• Forensic psychology• Addiction

Assessment

There are two exams at AS each worth 50% of your AS qualification. Each exam lasts 1 hour 30 minutes and is worth 72 marks. The exams consist of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

At A-level there are three exams, each account for one third of your A-level. The three exams last 2 hours and are worth 96 marks each. The exams consist of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

Entry requirements

If you want to know more, please talk to your teacher.

“Excellent introduction to psychology.

Students will develop a knowledge of Psychology through a stimulating array of topics. I strongly recommend the AQA specification.”

Nick Braisby,
Pro-Vice Chancellor,
University of West London