



PSYCHOLOGY A LEVEL COURSE



The **Psychology A Level Course** will give a fascinating insight into a hugely popular subject. You will learn to design experiments, evaluate scientific research, use statistics effectively and deal with ethical issues. There is also guidance on carrying out practical investigations and psychological methods.

Training in Psychology opens up many career paths. In addition to laying the foundations for further study, it is useful not only for future health professionals, but also for a broad range of jobs involving the management of people.

Each full A Level Course consists of an AS and A2 Syllabus. The course is split into four modules, reflecting the new four module examination structure of A levels. The AS and A2 courses can be sat in their own right as an individual course, but you are required to have completed the AS level syllabus before starting on an A2 syllabus.

Each lesson begins with a set of clearly stated objectives and an explanation of its place in the overall programme of study. Effective learning is encouraged through frequent activities and self-assessment questions. There are fifteen Tutor-Marked Assignments (known as TMAs).

The Syllabus:

This course prepares students for the [AQA Psychology AS level syllabus 1186 \(Specification B\)](#) for examinations in June 2009 and later years. Most candidates will then study the [AQA Psychology A2 level syllabus 2186 \(Specification B\)](#) for examinations in June 2010 and later years. The overall syllabus code is 2185.

This specification is designed to:

- Develop candidates' critical thinking skills
- Provide students with a sound understanding of the various methods and approaches in psychology
- Inspire the ability to interpret, evaluate and comment
- Encourage candidates to develop an in-depth knowledge of the core topics in the specification
- Allow candidates to demonstrate the ability to use scientific methodology in the context of psychology

Examinations:

AS

At AS, candidates develop a broad knowledge and understanding of the core topics of modern psychology. The topic areas have been chosen for their accessibility and popularity in previous specifications.

- Paper 1 – Introducing Psychology (1 ½ Hours) is 25% of the total A Level marks.
- Paper 2 – Individual Differences, Social Psychology and Cognitive Psychology (1 ½ Hours) is 25% of the total A Level marks.

Price:
£350.00

Instalment Options:
You can spread the payments for this course over 4 monthly payments. 1 initial payment of £155.00, followed by 3 monthly payments of £65.00.

Course Format:
Paper Based Course Materials

Assessment:
A Level Examinations

Approximate Study Time:
700 Hours of Self Study

A2

At A2, the specification retains the popular child development options and offers candidates various applied options. The debates section provides the opportunity for extension work and high-level discussion.

- Paper 1 – Child Development and Applied Options (2 Hours) is 25% of the total A Level marks.
- Paper 2 – Approaches, Debates and Methods in Psychology (2 Hours) is 25% of the total A Level marks.

Practical Skills/Coursework:

No Coursework with this syllabus.

Pre-Requirements:

We will admit Candidates for A Level Courses who have a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade C and above. These would ideally include English and Maths.

Additional Reading:

Introducing Psychology: Approaches, Topics and Methods, (D Pennington, J McLoughlin, D Robinson, L Dancer K Boswell & R Smithson) - ISBN: 0340847786, Advanced Psychology AQA (B) (D Pennington, J McLoughlin, D Robinson, K Boswell & R Smithson) - ISBN: 0340859342 and Advanced Psychology: Atypical Behaviour (L Turner, D Robinson & D Pennington) - ISBN: 0340859334.

Technical Support:

Every student receives a personal tutor with whom they need to keep in regular contact. The essential relationship between student and tutor begins with an introductory letter and a telephone call to help decide on a study plan. All tutors are fully qualified teachers holding either a Postgraduate Certificate in Education or a degree in education. So when you enrol on a course you can be assured of the assistance of a professionally qualified subject specific tutor.

There is no limit on how often you can contact your tutor. The advice and encouragement our tutors provide are an important part of your learning experience. You can contact your tutor by Phone, Post or Email. There are tutor-marked assignments (TMA's) in every course. These help the student to consolidate their learning and prepare for examinations. All tutors have a local rate telephone number such as a 0845 number. This means that when you phone your tutor it will only cost you the price of a local call. Whilst you are still actively submitting assignments, you should expect to be in contact with your tutor regularly. Remember, to get the most out of your tutor, you will need to tell them when you need assistance.

Examination Centres:

There are approximately 300 testing centres in the UK, so finding one close by should not be very difficult. In December/January we contact you to start arranging your examination dates. We always try to give whatever help we can with examination information, but the entering of Candidates for examinations and any dealings with the examination centre's are entirely the responsibility of the student.

A Level Examination Fees:

On average A Level examination fees are approximately £20.00 per exam, plus an administration fee which is at the discretion of the examination centre.

Studying from Abroad:

It is possible to study A Level Courses from anywhere in the world. However some courses are easier to study from abroad than others and some restrictions to the type of tuition available apply. If you wish to study an A Level then you will need to sit the examinations in the UK. Please remember that most A Level's have several examinations which may well be spread over several weeks.