

# Psychology A Level - AQA Syllabus

## Key Information

**Course Format:**  
Paper Based Course Materials

**Price:**  
£395.00

**Assessment:**  
3 Examinations

**Payment Options:**  
Spread the cost over 4 monthly payments

**Approximate Study Time:**  
700 Hours of Self Study

**Initial Payment of**  
£185.00

**Approximate Delivery Time:**  
7 Working Days (Courier Service)

**Followed by 3 payments of:**  
£70.00



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.

This home study course follows the new linear A-Level syllabus. If students want to complete the new linear AS Level course then this can be purchased from the AS Level section of our website. 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 16 Tutor-Marked Assignments (known as TMAs) including 4 practice exam assignments.

## The Syllabus:

Students can study for the AQA Psychology 7181/7182 A Level Specification sitting exams in May/June 2019 or later years.

## Examinations:

**Paper 1:** Introductory Topics in Psychology (2 Hours) is 96 marks in total (33.33% of A-level).

**Paper 2:** Psychology in Context (2 Hours) is 96 marks in total (33.33% of A-level).

**Paper 3:** Issues and Options in Psychology (2 Hours) is 96 marks in total (33.33% of A-level).

## This course is divided into the following units:

- Introductory Topics
- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Theoretical Approaches in Psychology
- Psychopathology
- Research Methods and Approaches
- Cognition and Development
- Schizophrenia
- Aggression
- Critical Thinking on Topics
- Revision

## Practical Skills/Coursework:

There is no coursework with this syllabus.

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## Prerequisites:

We will admit Candidates for A Level Courses who have a minimum of 4 GCSE's at grade C and above. For Psychology this should include English and either Mathematics or Science GCSE's.

**Please Note:** We cannot accept students who are under 18 years old on this course. We do have an alternative course option for students who are under 18. Please email us if you require additional information about this alternative course.

## Additional Reading:

The following books are required to work alongside your course materials:

- AQA A-level Psychology Book 1 by Jean-Marc Lawton (ISBN: 978-1471834882)
- AQA A-level Psychology Book 2 by Jean-Marc Lawton (ISBN: 978-1471835377)

Additional non-essential recommended reading is detailed in the course materials for students who would like further resources whilst completing their studies. We recommend purchasing any books after receiving your course materials to make sure there have been no revisions.

## Student Support:

Every student receives a personal tutor with whom they should keep in regular contact. All tutors are fully qualified experienced teachers holding either a Postgraduate Certificate in Education or a degree in education. Most work from home and are able to offer flexible contact times. The tutor will contact students with an introductory letter and a telephone call to help decide on a study plan. They will also let the student know the best ways and times for contact.

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 Freephone 0800 telephone number and most will have Skype capabilities. 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 & Examination Fees:

All distance learning students will sit their exams as a private candidate in a registered school or college. The finding of an examination centre and the booking of exams is the responsibility of the student. In December/January students are contacted and advised to start arranging their examinations. AQA have over 300 exam centres in the UK. Examination officers are available to registered students for advice on finding suitable centres or you can use AQA's Private Candidate Page which details information about being a private candidate and has a search facility showing a small selection of centres set out geographically.

The new Linear format examinations all need to be sat in a single examination window on completion of your studies. Examination fees need to be paid direct to your chosen exam centre. Prices for exams will vary depending on the exam centre's administration costs so it is worth contacting a few centres to compare prices.

## Nearest Examination Dates:

Please review the A Level Overview page for detailed information on possible examination dates and procedures.