



What will I learn?

The course encourages you to

- develop your interest in and enthusiasm for Psychology, including developing an interest in further study and careers associated with the subject
- understand how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society
- promote an appreciation and understanding of individuals, society and cultural diversity
- develop and demonstrate a deep appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods
- develop practical, mathematical and problem solving skills

What are the recommended entry requirements?

The course entry does not require you to have studied GCSE Psychology. A grade 7 or above in English, Maths and Biology is preferred.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1 Research Methods	90 marks	2 Hours	30% of total A-level
Component 2 Psychological themes through core studies	105 marks	2 Hours	35% of total A-level
Component 3 Applied Psychology	105 marks	2 Hours	35% of total A-level

Component 1: Research Methods

You are expected to carry out your own small scale practical activities using the four main techniques for collecting and analysing data. These are: self-report, experiment, observation and correlation.

Component 2: Core Studies

You are expected to understand, analyse and evaluate 20 psychological research studies which link to major themes and areas in psychology: Social, Cognitive, Developmental, Biological and Mental Disorders.

Component 3: Applied Psychology

This component consists of one compulsory section on issues in mental health and the following two applied psychology options:

- Child Psychology - attachment, cognitive development, perceptual development
- Criminal Psychology - interviewing techniques, court proceedings, punishments

What are the costs?

Voluntary payments are requested for visits.

Future Opportunities

With an understanding of people and how they behave, psychology students can pursue a number of careers ranging from HR, advertising, marketing, physiotherapy to careers within psychology such as Educational or Clinical Psychology.