

A Level Psychology



Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: grade 5 or above in maths, science and English.

Why study Psychology?

Why do you hang with certain types of people? Why do your emotions sometimes take the best of you? Why do serial killers kill? Why can you be influenced-and influence others? How do you detect the pathologies of the mind? Why do you remember what happened on 9/11 but not what you ate yesterday?

If you've ever spent time thinking about these puzzles, psychology may be for you. Psychologists could hold the answers. And if they don't yet, you can be sure they are looking for them.

During your time at STFS, you will be able to conduct your own research and try to answer these questions yourself.

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and human behaviour. Psychologists observe and conduct experiments to find out more about the way people act and interact. They try to understand what motivates, challenges or changes us and use this understanding to help us tackle personal and social problems.

If you study psychology you'll be able to become autonomous in your learning, hone your analytical and organisational skills and not only learn about scientific research methods but apply them, including collecting and working with data. Learning about human behaviour will help to build your communication skills and improve your teamwork and leadership skills.

Beware, it will require a lot of work from you, but it will be mightily rewarding! Are you ready for this challenge???

Psychologists can work in social care, criminology, police forces, mental health, human resources, consulting, education, business, research and sports.

What does the course involve? (AS and A Level are co-taught)

Introductory topics in Psychology	Exam – each section is worth 24 marks. All questions are compulsory.
Social Influence	
Memory	
Attachment	
Psychopathology	

Psychology in context	Exam – Sections A and B are worth 24 marks. Section C is worth 48 marks. All questions are compulsory
Approaches in Psychology	
Biopsychology	
Research methods	

Issues and options in Psychology	Exam – Each section is worth 24 marks. Section A is compulsory. 1 from each of B, C and D
Section A	Issues and debates in Psychology
Section B	Relationships, Gender or Cognition and Development
Section C	Schizophrenia, Eating Behaviour or Stress
Section D	Aggression, Forensic Psychology or Addiction

Where will Psychology lead me post Sixth Form?

Psychology is useful for a range of social science, criminology, police, army, arts and healthcare related degrees including: childhood studies, Media Studies, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Sports Science, Psychology, Sociology, Speech Therapy and Social Work.

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