



Psychology

A-Level Psychology

Subject Psychology

Exam Board Eduqas

Specification Specification Code is A290QS
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Introduction This specification is intended to ensure that learners gain a comprehensive appreciation of the nature of psychology and psychological enquiry. Through the specification learners will be introduced to historical and current psychological approaches and classic and contemporary research. In addition there are opportunities to explore psychological controversies and debates. Learners will also study a variety of methods used by psychologists and will carry out their own investigations. Consideration of the ethical issues and implications of psychological endeavours are emphasised in all aspects of the specification. The content is stimulating, relevant and accessible to a wide range of learners, ensuring both breadth and depth to the study of psychology.

There are three core components: Psychological Approaches, Behaviour, and Contemporary Debates. The content covered is more focused compared to AQA or OCR. Eduqas places a clear emphasis on research methods and scientific inquiry by including a Dedicated paper on research methods that allows students to develop robust skills in experimental design, data analysis, and evaluation. It also has an Integrated application approach by allowing research methods to be embedded across topics, reinforcing understanding through real-world examples.

Aims of the Course This WJEC Eduqas A-Level specification in Psychology is stimulating, distinctive and attractive, providing exciting opportunities for the learners to study a variety of historical and current psychological approaches, study classic and contemporary psychological research covering a variety of perspectives and topics, study principles of investigating human and animal behaviour, apply psychological information to everyday situations and explore contemporary issues raised in psychological research. Students are given opportunities to work scientifically through their own psychological research, demonstrating greater emphasis on the skills of psychology.

This specification encourages learners to develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of psychology and how they relate to each other, develop and demonstrate a deep appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods in psychology and develop competence and confidence in a variety of practical, mathematical and problem solving skills. Students are encouraged to develop their 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 psychological issues and how psychology contributes to the success of the economy and society.

How You Are Assessed Component 1 - Psychology past to present.

- 2 hours and 15 minutes external exam, worth 33.3%

Component 2 - Investigating behaviour

- 2 hours and 15 minutes external exam, worth 33.3%

Component 3 - Implications in the real world.

- 2 hours and 15 minutes external exam, worth 33.3%

Links to Future Careers A-Level Psychology provides a foundation for diverse careers, including clinical counselling and education psychology, where you assess and treat mental health, and support students' development. You can also pursue roles in occupational psychology within HR, focusing on workplace efficiency, or become a forensic psychologist assisting in the criminal justice system. Additionally, it opens doors to entry-level positions in mental health support, counselling, research, and areas like advertising, marketing, and HR.

Entry Requirement

Grade 5 in Psychology (if taken at GCSE)

Otherwise 6 in one English and at least one 6 in a Science (Combined/Biology/Chemistry/Physics)