

Subject: **A-level Psychology**

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Exam Board: AQA www.aqa.org.uk

Course Number: Specification 7192

Course Overview:

- Why do people behave the way they do?
- Why do people conform? Why do people obey?
- How do we remember and why do we forget?
- How do our earliest relationships influence our later ones?
- What happens when you cut a brain in half?
- Why do phobias exist?
- How can we treat depression?
- Does free will exist?
- Is there such a thing as a male or female brain?
- How do we tell the difference between science and pseudoscience?
- Are people born or made criminal?

Unit Code	Unit Title	Assessment Details	Assessment Weighting
Paper 1	Introductory Topics in Psychology	Attachment Memory Psychopathology Social Influence	33.33%
Paper 2	Psychology in context	Approaches in Psychology Biopsychology Research methods	33.33%
Paper 3	Issues and Options	Issues and Debates Cognition Schizophrenia Forensic Psychology	33.33%

What can I do with this qualification/Post-18 progression opportunities/ university subjects which this course supports:

Where will A-level Psychology take you?
Psychology is a great subject to study because it will not only give you a number of transferable skills, it will also teach you more about the way people think. An understanding of the human mind is useful in a number of careers.

Possible degree options

According to bestcourse4me.com, the top seven degree courses taken by students who have an A-level in psychology are:

Psychology - English studies – Sociology - Business studies – Teaching - Sport and exercise science - Law.

Other A Level Subjects which support academic attainment/ complement learning

Sociology, Biology, Maths, English, Philosophy.

Entry requirements.

Grade 5 in GCSE Maths

Grade 5 in GCSE English.

Essential Textbook incl ISBN

AQA A-level Psychology Book 1. (2015) Lawton and Willard Paperback

ISBN-10: 1471834883

AQA A-level Psychology Book 2. (2016) Lawton and Willard Paperback

ISBN-10: 1471835375

Recommended supplementary resources- websites, blogs, journals:

Psychology Review – Phillip Allan.

Mr Hickman's blog www.unconsciouscurriculum.com

Course specific equipment- include place to purchase and typical cost or estimate:

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Paper

Revision materials

Out of lesson learning including trips and visits (cost?):

London Zoo – approx. £10.

Psychology Conferences – approx. £25.

Who to contact:

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Quote from current student- include their name

"I chose to study A-level Psychology out of a desire to understand why people do what they do, but it has proved to have far wider applications." Ambra Y12.