

Psychology



<p>AS Course Overview: Students will develop their knowledge, understanding and evaluation of ten core studies within a broad area of investigation encompassing five key themes. The areas cover Social, Cognitive, Developmental, Biological and Individual Differences. Students also study research methods whereby they will develop their knowledge and understanding of the process of planning, conducting, analysing and reporting psychological research across a range of experimental and non experimental methodologies and techniques.</p>	Unit	Title
	1	Research methods 50% of AS level
	2	Psychological themes through core studies 50% of AS level
<p>How will I be assessed? There are two Units and both will be examined at the end of the year. Both papers are worth 75 marks and they are 1 hour 30 minutes each.</p>		

<p>A Level Course Overview: Students will develop knowledge and understanding of 20 core studies, which fits within a broad area of investigation focusing on 10 key themes. Students also study research methods where they will develop their knowledge and understanding of the process of planning, conducting, analysing and reporting psychological research across a range of experimental and non-experimental methodologies and techniques. Students will conduct their own practical work in order to understand the range of different research methods and techniques. Applied Psychology is also examined whereby students will discover how psychology is used in applied areas following a compulsory module in mental health along with two additional options.</p>	Unit	Title
	1	Research methods 30% of A level
	2	Psychological themes through core studies 35% of A level
	3	Applied psychology 35% of total A level
<p>How will I be assessed? There are three units and all three will be examined at the end of the year. Each unit is 2 hours long.</p>		

What do I need to join?

A minimum of grades 4 in GCSE English, Maths and Science would be accepted to start this course. A grade 5, however, is preferred.

An interest in human behaviour is a must.

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Where could this A Level take me in the future?

Psychology is popular due to its application to the wider world and everyday life. Students from Archway have studied Psychology at degree level followed by further degrees in order to qualify as a Clinical Psychologist or Educational Psychologist. Psychology, it can be argued, is relevant to whatever you choose to do in life because it is about discovering the reasons for the way we interact with other humans, at whatever level.