

IB Psychology

Level 3

Qualification Aims and Objectives

Psychology is the rigorous and systematic study of mental processes and behaviour. At the core of the IB Psychology course is an introduction to three different approaches to understanding behaviour:

- biological approach to understanding behaviour
- cognitive approach to understanding behaviour
- sociocultural approach to understanding behaviour

The aims of the IB Psychology course include to:

1. develop and apply an understanding of the biological, cognitive and sociocultural factors affecting mental processes and behaviour
2. understand diverse methods of inquiry
3. ensure that ethical practices are upheld in all psychological inquiry and discussion
4. develop an awareness of how psychological research can be applied to address real-world problems and promote positive change

Course Outline

Core:

- Biological approach to understanding behaviour
- Cognitive approach to understanding behaviour
- Sociocultural approach to understanding behaviour
- Approaches to researching behaviour

Options:

- Abnormal psychology
- Developmental psychology
- Health psychology
- Psychology of human relationships

Experimental Study:

- Use of a scientific approach to investigate an area of psychology

The qualification is intended to carry UCAS points and is recognised by Higher Education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements for many courses if taken alongside other qualifications as part of a two year programme of learning, and it combines well with a large number of subjects. It will support entry to HE courses in a very wide range of disciplines, depending on the subjects taken alongside. However, for learners wishing to study an aspect of Psychology in HE, opportunities include: BSc (Hons) in Psychology overall, or in specific areas of focus, including but not limited to: Applied Psychology, Educational Psychology, Clinical Psychology, and Forensic Psychology.

Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 9-5 grades in GCSE examinations including English, 6 in English Language or Literature, and a 6 in Biology or 6-6 in Combined Science.

Future courses & possible careers

- Human health and social work
- Education
- Legal, social, and welfare professions
- Business, HR, and finance
- Marketing, PR, and sales

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