

IB Diploma Psychology



Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and how it dictates and influences our behaviour, from communication and memory to thought and emotion.

It's about understanding what makes people tick and how this understanding can help us address many of the problems and issues in society today.

As a science Psychology functions as both a thriving academic discipline *and* a vital professional practice, one dedicated to the study of human behaviour - and the thoughts, feelings, and motivations behind it - through observation, measurement, and testing, in order to form conclusions that are based on sound scientific methodology. (BPS 2020)

Ultimately, Psychology is the study of Human behaviour.

Curriculum

Term	1	2	3	4	5	6
Year 12	The Biological approach The brain	The Biological approach Hormones	The Cognitive approach Memory	Psychological skills	Internal assessment: Replicating a key psychological study.	Health psychology
Year 13	Abnormal Psychology Depression	Abnormal Psychology Mental illness	Human relationships Sexual and non-sexual	Examination preparations	IB Exams	

Assessment

	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Internal assessment
Higher Level	2 hours	2 Hours	1 Hour	20%
Standard Level	2 Hours	1 Hour	N/A	25%

What to expect

Essay Based: Expect lots of writing.
Independence and taking ownership of your own learning.
20% Mathematics and statistics
Evaluate and analyse studies
Replicate and carry out your own research.

Recommended reading:

- Opening Skinner Box – Lauren Slater, Dibs in Search of Self – Virginia Axline
- Flowers for Algernon – Daniel Keyes, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time – Mark Haddon
- The Psychology of Harry Potter – Neil Mulholland

Entry requirements: GCSE English, Maths and Biology (or double science) at grade 5 or above.