

A-level Psychology: Curriculum Mapping



Research Methods and Issues and Debates taught throughout the whole course to evaluate research studies and theories.
 Prior knowledge of key topics will help access new content later in the course.
 Extend knowledge signposts where the same topics will be revisited and developed later in the course.

Y12 Autumn

APPROACHES / ISSUES AND DEBATES / BIOPSYCH:
 Intro to Science and Issues / Debates, Behaviourists, SLT, Cognitive, Biological, Cognitive Neuroscience, Psychodynamic, Humanistic, Comparisons, Neurons, Synaptic Transmission

SOCIAL INFLUENCE: Conformity, Obedience, Resistance to Social Influence, Minority Influence

RESEARCH METHODS: Experiments, Research Issues, Ethics, Sampling, Observations, Self-Report, Piloting and Case Studies

EXTEND: Clinical Psychology, Explanations for Aggression, Institutional Aggression, Memory Models, Biopsychology

MEMORY: Features of STM, Multi Store Model and Working Memory Model, Explanations for Forgetting, Factors Affecting Eyewitness Testimony, Cognitive Interview

ATTACHMENT: Animal Studies, Learning / Monotropic Theory, Attachment Types, Cultural Variations, Maternal Deprivation, Institutionalisation, Early Attachments and Later Life

RESEARCH METHODS: Correlations, Data Types, Descriptive Statistics, Graphs, Distributions, Peer Review, Economy, Content Analysis, Reliability, Validity

Y12 Spring

PRIOR: Biological / Behaviourist / Cognitive Approaches, Conformity Types

EXTEND: Biopsychology, Parasocial Relationships, Family Dysfunction, Explanations for Aggression

Y12 Summer

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY: Definitions of Mental Health, Characteristics and Behaviourist/Biological/Cognitive Explanations and Therapies for Phobias/OCD/Depression

RESEARCH METHODS: Inferential Statistics, Features of Science, Reporting, Designing Studies

ISSUES AND DEBATES: Gender / Culture Bias, Freewill-Determinism, Nature-Nurture, Holism-Reductionism, Nomothetic-Idiographic, Ethical Implications

REVISION and EXAMS

PRIOR: Biological / Behaviourist / Cognitive Approaches
EXTEND: Schizophrenia

REVISION AND FINAL EXAMS:

PAPER 1: Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Clinical Psychology

PAPER 2: Approaches, Biopsychology, Research Methods

PAPER 3: Issues and Debates, Relationships, Schizophrenia, Aggression

Y13 Summer

Y13 Spring

SCHIZOPHRENIA: Diagnosis and Classification, Biological / Psychological Explanations and Therapies, Interactionist Approach for Explaining and Treating

AGGRESSION: Neural / Hormonal / Genetic Factors, Ethological / Evolutionary Explanations, Social-Psychological Explanations, Institutional Aggression, Media Influences

RESEARCH METHODS / ISSUES AND DEBATES: Revision

PRIOR: Biological / Cognitive / SLT Approach, Attachment Theories, Clinical Psychology, Biopsychology

Y13 Autumn

BIOPSYCHOLOGY: Neurons, Synaptic Transmission, Nervous / Endocrine Systems, Fight-Flight, Localisation, Hemispheric Lateralisation, Plasticity, Functional Recovery, Brain Scanning

RELATIONSHIPS: Factors Affecting Attraction, Theories of Romantic Relationships and Breakdown, Parasocial / Online Relationships

RESEARCH METHODS / ISSUES AND DEBATES: Revision

PRIOR: Biological Approach, Cognitive Neuroscience, Attachment Theories, Clinical Psychology
EXTEND: Biological Explanations for Aggression and Schizophrenia

