

Psychology is the science of the mind.
Psychologists study human behaviour
in order to reveal the nature of our
mind and explain our thoughts,
perceptions, emotions and memories.



Are you interested in:

- explanations of human behaviour
- how the brain works
- how people's behaviour varies and changes

Leading to a career in:

- Scientific research
- Health and Medicine
- Education and Social Work
- Marketing and advertising

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Exam Board: Pearson

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behaviour. This course aims to investigate ways in which psychologists explore human interactions, so you can gain an insight into how and why some behaviours occur.



The qualification covers key areas of psychological theory and concepts, combined with the opportunity to design and carry out a small-scale research project.

Its applied element also looks at the everyday use and application of psychological theory, exploring current issues, such as gender identity, aggression in society, mental health and advertising.

This qualification has four components with a mixture of internally assessed coursework, practical work and external examinations.

Unit 1 – Psychological Approaches and Applications

25% of marks, externally assessed

- Key assumptions and concepts for Cognitive, Social, Learning and Biological approaches in psychology.
- Application of psychological assumptions to explain contemporary issues of aggression in society. The use of psychology in business to explain and influence consumer/employee behaviour. Application of psychology to explain gender identity.

Unit 3 – Health Psychology

33.3% of marks, externally assessed

- Different psychological approaches to stress and addictive behaviours (including smoking, alcohol, gambling and shopping)
- Application of psychological assumptions to treating and management of stress and addiction

Unit 4 – Introduction to Psychopathology

16.7% of marks, internally assessed

Unit 2 – Conducting Psychological Research

25% of marks, internally assessed

- Understand research methods and their importance in psychological inquiry
- Plan research to investigate psychological questions
- Carry out a pilot study to explore current issues in psychology
- Review implications of research into psychological inquiry.
- Understand modern and historical concepts of psychopathology (mental illness) in society
- Examine causes, types and characteristics of mental disorders (including depression and anxiety disorders)
- Explore professional approaches to the treatment of mental disorders (including drug treatments and talking therapies)

