

Subject name	Psychology
Subject code	PSY
Subject type	General
Subject fee	\$20
Prerequisites	Minimum C+ Year 10 Semester 2 General Science AND Minimum C+ Year 10 Semester 2 Taster General Maths, Maths Methods and General English, Literature

Course overview

Psychology provides opportunities for students to engage with concepts that explain behaviours and underlying cognitions. Students examine individual development in the form of the role of the brain, cognitive development, human consciousness and sleep. They investigate the concept of intelligence; the process of diagnosis and how to classify psychological disorder and determine an effective treatment; and the contribution of emotion and motivation on individual behaviour. They examine individual thinking and how it is determined by the brain, including perception, memory, and learning. They consider the influence of others by examining theories of social psychology, interpersonal processes, attitudes and cross-cultural psychology.

Course outline

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Individual development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of the brain Cognitive development Consciousness, attention and sleep 	Individual behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intelligence Diagnosis Psychological disorders and treatments Emotion and motivation 	Individual thinking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brain function Sensation and perception Memory Learning 	The influence of others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social psychology Interpersonal processes Attitudes Cross-cultural psychology

Assessment

In Units 1 and 2 students complete a Data Test, Student Experiment, Research Investigation and Exam. Units 1 and 2 are devised to replicate instruments used in Units 3 and 4. Assessments in Unit 1 and 2 are formative. In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall exit subject result from QCAA that is A-E.

Summative assessments:

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1: • Data test	10%	Summative internal assessment 3: • Research investigation	20%
Summative internal assessment 2: • Student experiment	20%		
Summative external assessment: 50% - Examination			

Career opportunities

A course of study in Psychology can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of counselling, human resources, medicine and nursing, marketing and education. nursing, electrical, water treatment, beauty therapy, hairdressing, hospitality, food processing.

Special subject requirements

Students are expected to do homework regularly to follow up class activities and to prepare for the next class. Activities would include set work, practical records, reading, making summaries and learning work. Total homework time over a period of one week should be in the vicinity of 2½ hours. Appropriate footwear is to be worn in the laboratory, i.e. shoes with impervious uppers.