

Psychology

Level 3 BTEC

Extended Certificate

Pearson

Psychology is both an applied and academic field that studies the human mind and behaviour. Research in psychology seeks to understand and explain thought, emotion, and behaviour. Applications of psychology include mental health treatments, performance enhancement, self-help, forensic psychology, and many other areas affecting health and daily life.

Course Structure

Everyone taking this qualification will study four units, covering the following content areas:

- Applications of psychological approaches
- Conducting psychological research
- Health psychology
- Psychopathology

Skills & Knowledge

This is a heavily practical qualification which mirrors and develops the skills needed by legal professionals working in the legal profession. You will develop key skills of independence, research, time management and the ability to analyse and evaluate key areas of law to apply them to real-life scenarios.

Assessment

The course is made up of four units. Of the four, two are exam units, which are externally assessed and two are coursework units, which are internally assessed and moderated.

Opportunities & Enrichment

Opportunities include taking part in a nationwide Psychology project competition run by the Royal Holloway University. Trips to contemporary psychology exhibitions and museums such as the Freud Museum in London.

Future Careers & Pathways

The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to admission requirements to many relevant courses, if taken as part of a programme of learning alongside other Level 3 qualifications. It will help in preparing you for degree programmes for which some knowledge of psychology may be an advantage. Learners should always check the entry requirements for degree programmes with specific higher education providers. After this qualification, learners can also progress directly into employment, however it is likely that many will do so via higher study. Areas of employment include junior roles in law enforcement, business and marketing, education and health care, and other related areas in the applied psychology sector.