

PSYCHOLOGY

WHY STUDY PSYCHOLOGY *at* STONYHURST?

MORE THAN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Small class sizes

We have a maximum class size of 14 to ensure you receive the individual attention you need to excel in Psychology, in the newly refurbished Psychology classroom.

Lessons are taught in an interactive and engaging manner including taking part in experiments.

Expand your horizons

An understanding of the human mind is not only useful in life but is also directly transferrable in several careers and paths throughout life. The opportunity to reflect upon ourselves and learn more about how and why we behave in the way that we do, is an exciting prospect. From learning about how we form memories to how we behave in social situations, knowledge and skills learnt in psychology last a lifetime.

Variety of enrichment

The department offers a range of co-curricular activities throughout the year, which enhance the

academic content of the lessons and also allow pupils to explore the subject more broadly.

We will help you to develop and share your individual gifts and talents, learn from others and to reach your full potential as both a student and a person, preparing you for a successful future, wherever it may take you.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Psychology is a popular and fascinating branch of science, which studies human behaviour from a range of different approaches.

The mind is something intangible that exists within our brain, an unseen process of enzymes, chemicals and electric currents.

But why is it that some people suffer from stress or mental illness? Or that others are considered abnormal for deviating from social norms?

Psychology looks at questions like these and more.

Cutting edge research provides constant changes to our understanding and these have real world applications such as treatments and implications for the economy.

Psychology is a great subject to study because it will not only give you several transferable skills, it will also teach you more about the way people think.

WHAT DO I NEED?

To study Psychology at A level you will need grade B to grade 6 in English and Maths.



WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Stonyhurst Psychology graduates currently enjoy successful careers in:



Business Studies



Law



Marketing



Human Resources



Sports Psychology



Recruitment Consultant



Occupational Psychologist



Clinical Psychologist



Advertising

Other examples could include Sports Psychologists, Recruitment Consultants, Occupational Psychologists, Clinical Psychologists, Advertising Account Management.

COURSE ENRICHMENT

We are very proud of our ability to inspire and motivate our students; and the fact that many Stonyhurst students go on to study related subjects at university is a testament to this. Just a few of our activities include:

- ✓ Psychological Society talks
- ✓ Psychology Matters Club
- ✓ The Brain Day with Dr Guy Sutton
- ✓ Visiting speakers
- ✓ Visits from university Psychology departments
- ✓ Competitions



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WHAT COURSES ARE ON OFFER?

A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY AQA

Year 1

Introductory topics in Psychology - learn about:

- ✓ Psychology as a Science
- ✓ Social Norms including Conformity and Obedience
- ✓ How the Mind Remembers and Forgets
- ✓ How Children Form Attachments
- ✓ Biopsychology and Cognitive Neuroscience
- ✓ Approaches in Psychology
- ✓ Psychopathology and How Do We Measure 'Normal'?

Psychology in context - learn more about the different approaches in Psychology and how to design and conduct your own research.

Year 2

- ✓ Issues and Debates in Psychology
- ✓ Relationships
- ✓ Schizophrenia and How We Can Use Our Knowledge of Psychology to Offer Treatments
- ✓ Forensic Psychology and How We Can Use Our Knowledge of Psychology to Apprehend and Rehabilitate Criminals



IB DIPLOMA

Psychology SL and HL

Psychology is the systematic study of behaviour and mental processes. Psychology has a variety of research designs and applications, and provides a unique approach to understanding modern society. Taking Psychology SL will enable students to access a rich source of information about factors that influence human behaviour; develop their understanding of people in general and themselves in particular; and acquire effective work habits to regulate their own learning.

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COURSE STRUCTURE

The course covers the following topics:

Year 1

Introductory topics in Psychology - learn about:

- ✓ Introduction to IB Psychology
- ✓ Biological Approach to Understanding Behaviour
- ✓ Cognitive Approach to Understanding Behaviour
- ✓ Sociocultural Approach to Understanding Behaviour Parts 1 & 2
- ✓ Review and End of Year Exam
- ✓ Introduction to the IA

Year 2

Introductory topics in Psychology - learn about:

- ✓ Approaches to Research
- ✓ Internal Assessment
- ✓ Sociocultural Approach to Understanding Behaviour Part 3
- ✓ Abnormal Psychology part 1
- ✓ Review and Trail Exam

- ✓ Abnormal Psychology Part 2 & 3
- ✓ Review and Exam Preparation

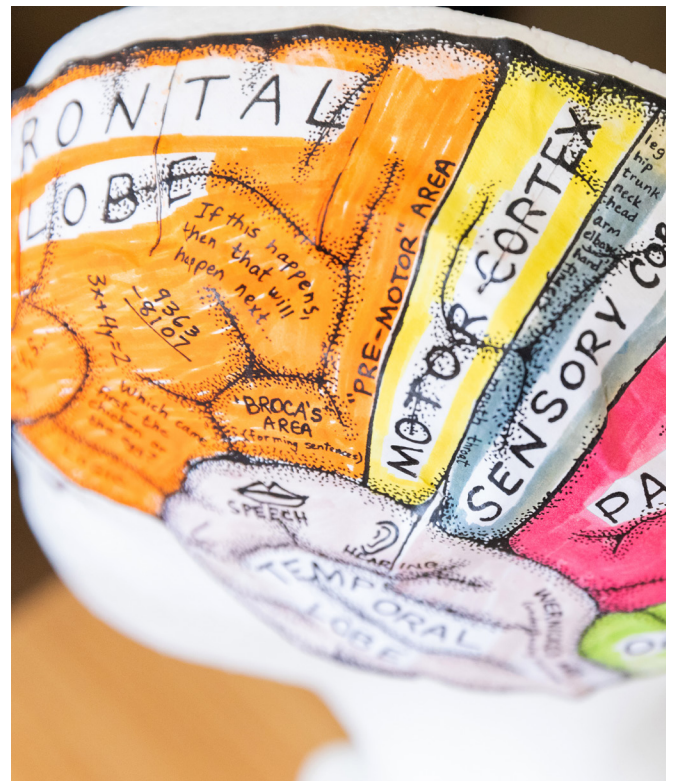
This course covers the following applied psychology option:

- ✓ Abnormal psychology
- ✓ Psychology of human relationships
- ✓ Health psychology
- ✓ Developmental psychology

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

Taking Psychology SL will enable students to:

- ✓ Access a rich source of information about factors that influence human behaviour
- ✓ Develop their understanding of people in general and themselves in particular
- ✓ Acquire effective work habits to regulate their own learning
- ✓ Become experienced in a wide range of technical and social tools



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