

What is Psychology?

Psychology is the study of how people think, feel and act. Its main aim is to understand humans and is rigorous in its use of scientific method which allows for exploration into the complexities of human behaviour. Psychological knowledge helps us understand individuals alone, how individuals function within groups and how they are affected by different contexts. Psychology can be applied to any context in which humans are involved and allows students to gain valuable insights into both themselves and the world.

How will Psychology help me in the future?

Methods of communication studied in this course will enhance personal communication skills, both within the field of psychology and in the context of daily life. Students also develop important research skills as they engage in the exploration and evaluation of data. This leads to enhanced critical and creative thinking, innovation and collaboration.

What careers can Psychology lead to?

Psychology General can prepare students for a range of careers, including those in the health professions, education, human resources, social sciences, sales, media and marketing and management.

What content will I study in Year 11 and Year 12?

Year 11	
Psychology General Unit 1: Students explore personality, intelligence, socialisation and communication. Students look at influential theorists and are introduced to the scientific method.	Psychology General Unit 2: Students are introduced to the human brain and explore human development, group influences and stereotypes. Students explore influential theorists and analyse data through investigation.
Year 12	
Psychology General Unit 3: Students expand on personality theories and are introduced to states of consciousness. Students study the formation of friendships and conflict resolution and expand on their knowledge of ethics in research.	Psychology General Unit 4: Students explore the four lobes of the brain and discuss brain scanning techniques. Students expand on human development and look at group behaviours such as the bystander effect, prejudice, before expanding on psychological research.

What are the pre-requisites?

There are no pre-requisites for this course.

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