

Psychology A-Level Part 1

Summary

In this course, you'll deepen your understanding of theories underpinning human behaviour - exploring memory, cognition and mental health. You'll also develop your analytical and organisational skills, discovering which scientific research methods can be used to collect, process and analyse data.

PET offers A-levels in two parts. Upon completing Part 1 of this A-Level, you will be able to take an AS exam, or you can continue on to Part 2 to build up to a full A-level.

You will need to apply for each part separately. You can start an A-level at any time of the year, but exams usually take place in June.

Before making your application, please speak to PET or your education department to find out if your prison can hold A-level exams as many cannot facilitate this.

Alternatively, you might be able to take the exams on Release on Temporary Licence (ROTL) or after your release - we will be happy to advise you further on this.

Course Provider	National Extension College (NEC) Woolpack House, 70 High Street, Sawston, CB22 3HJ 01223400200 pet@nec.ac.uk
Qualification Accreditation	AQA A-Level (Exams can only be taken at AQA registered centres)
Academic level	3
PET entry requirements	Level 2 English and Maths
Format of course material	Paper Based Only + Textbooks
Structure of course	<p>Six Lessons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approaching Psychology (introduction and origins, learning cognitive approaches, the biological approach and biopsychology) 2. Memory (multi-store model, working memory model, explanations for forgetting, eyewitness testimony) 3. Social Influence: Conformity and Obedience (resistance to social influence, minority influence and social change) 4. Developmental Psychology: Attachment (developments, explanations, types, maternal deprivation) 5. Psychopathology (definitions of abnormality, phobias, depression and OCD, approaches to phobias, depression and OCD) 6. Research Methods (scientific processes, data analysis and presentation, maths resources)
Assignments	Six written assignments. These do not count towards the final grade and are used to check progress and understanding.

	All materials including assignments are sent at the beginning of the course. Tutors will aim to mark and return assignments with feedback within 5 working days of submission for marking.
Exams	Two exams: Each are 1 hour 30 minutes and contribute 50% of the final grade. Exams are Invigilated/ Closed book and include Multiple choice/ Short Answer/ Extended Writing. You will need to apply to us separately for exam fees.
Estimated completion time	150 hours
Maximum course duration	24 months
Prison support requirements	Support assessment submission (ideally scan to the tutor or post). It is recommended to make copies in case assignments get lost; contact supplier for tutor support or more info on assignment submission; help to facilitate exam; contact supplier for more info on assignment submission or exam facilitation. See contact details are above in the 'Course provider' section.
Supplier tutor's support	Tutors give support by providing feedback on learners' work and answering their queries. Occasionally providing extra resources.
Certificate	Awarding Organisation Official Qualification Certificate is awarded
Progress	The A-Level Part 2 is a popular follow-up to Part 1, but please contact us if you need advice about other options. Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).