

Psychology - BTEC Level 3

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
12	Unit 1 - Approaches and Application Exam Unit This unit introduces students to key psychological approaches, focusing on how they explain behaviours like gender, aggression, and consumer habits. Social psychology explores how behaviour is shaped by society, while cognitive psychology examines information processing, perception, and memory. Students will also study behavioural and social learning theories, understanding how behaviour is learned through associations and role models. The biological approach considers how genetics, brain chemistry, and evolution influence behaviour. This unit provides foundational knowledge for higher education courses such as a BSc in Psychology and is applicable to fields like law enforcement, business, education, and healthcare. Unit 2 Conducting Research Coursework Unit Exploring theories in psychology requires students to apply sound scientific research principles, using methods such as experiments, interviews, case studies, and observations. Results from these studies are analysed through statistical techniques and qualitative procedures to verify their significance, enabling researchers to explain or predict behaviour. In this unit, students will learn about the importance of research in psychological inquiry and the various types of research methods used. They will gain an understanding of the research process and key methods for testing theories and understanding human behaviour. Students will plan a pilot study on a psychological topic, using both qualitative and quantitative methods while considering ethical issues in research. They will conduct their pilot study, applying the knowledge gained to a chosen area, and analyse their findings to present to an audience. Finally, students will reflect on their research process, consider feedback, and evaluate how this experience informs their future professional development.					Introduction to Unit 3 Health Psychology after exams Introduction to Unit 4 Criminal and Psychology
13	Introduction to Unit 3 Health Psychology In this unit, students will study how biological, psychological, and social factors impact health and well-being. They will explore health behaviours like diet and exercise and learn about theories explaining why individuals engage in unhealthy habits. The unit also covers stress, coping mechanisms, and models of behaviour change, such as the Health Belief Model. Students will analyse how healthcare professionals promote healthier choices and manage chronic conditions. By examining real-world examples, they will gain insights into the complex relationships between mind, body, and public health.					

	Introduction to Unit 4 Criminal and Psychology This unit introduces students to the psychological principles behind criminal behaviour and its application in the legal system. Students will study various theories of crime, including biological and social learning theories, and explore the role of forensic psychologists in criminal assessments and rehabilitation. Topics include offender profiling, eyewitness reliability, and the psychological impact on victims. Through case studies, students will understand how psychology supports crime prevention and justice, preparing them for careers in law enforcement or forensic psychology.	
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