

AUTUMN 1

AUTUMN 2

SPRING 1

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SUMMER 1

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YEAR 12

Approaches

Origins of psychology, introspection and the emergence of Psychology as a science

The different psychological approaches including psychodynamic, behaviourist, cognitive, social learning theory, Humanist and biological; comparison of these approaches.

Research Methods

Research methods including experimental method, observational techniques and self-report techniques, correlations, content analysis and case studies

Scientific processes

Techniques of data handling and analysis including statistical testing

Attachment

Caregiver-infant interactions; stages of attachment; multiple attachments and the role of the father.

Explanations of attachment

Ainsworth's Strange Situation; types of attachment; cultural variations in attachment

Bowlby's theory of maternal deprivation; the effects of institutionalisation

The influence of early attachment on childhood and adult relationships

Issues & Debates

Nature v Nurture
Free will v Determinism
Gender & culture bias
Holism & reductionism
Idiographic & nomothetic approaches;
Ethical implications of research

Social Influence

Types of conformity; explanations for conformity
Conformity to social roles
Explanations for obedience
Explanations of resistance to social influence
Minority influences
The role of social influence processes in social change

Memory

The multi store model of memory
Types of memory
The working memory model
Explanations for forgetting
Factors affecting eyewitness testimony
Ways of improving EWT

Issues & Debates

Application of issues and debates from Aut 1 to attachment, social influence, memory and approaches

YEAR 13

Biopsychology

The divisions of the nervous system
Structure and function of neurons; synaptic transmission
The function of the endocrine system
The fight or flight response
Localisation of function in the brain and hemispheric lateralisation
Ways of studying the brain
Biological rhythms

Relationships

Evolutionary explanations for partner preferences, including the relationship between sexual selection & human reproductive behaviour
Factors affecting attraction in romantic relationships
Theories of romantic relationships
Virtual relationships in social media
Parasocial relationships

Forensic Psychology

Offender profiling
Biological and psychological explanations of offending behaviour
Dealing with offending behaviour

Psychopathology

Definitions of abnormality
The behavioural, emotional and cognitive characteristics of phobias, depression and OCD
The behavioural approach to explaining and treating phobias
The cognitive approach to explaining and treating depression
The biological approach to explaining and treating OCD

Schizophrenia

Classification of schizophrenia. Symptoms of schizophrenia.
Reliability and validity in diagnosing and classifying schizophrenia
Biological, psychological and cognitive explanations of schizophrenia and therapies
The interactionist approach in explaining and treating schizophrenia

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