

## A-Level Psychology Part 1

### Summary

This course helps you explore human thoughts, emotions and behaviours – giving you insight into yourself and other people. You’ll study key areas like memory, attachment, social influence and research methods, as well as topics like mental health, criminal psychology and relationships. This qualification can develop your skills in critical thinking, research, data analysis and communication.

*PET offers A-levels in two parts. Upon completing Part 1, you can choose either to take your AS exam (a qualification marking the first year of a full A-level) or 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.*

<b>Course Provider</b>	National Extension College (NEC) Woolpack House, 70 High Street, Sawston CB22 3HJ 01223 400200   <a href="http://www.nec.ac.uk">www.nec.ac.uk</a>
<b>Qualification Accreditation</b>	AQA
<b>Academic level</b>	Level 3
<b>PET entry requirements</b>	Level 2 English
<b>Format of course material</b>	Paper-based

<b>Structure of course</b>	<p>Six Lessons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approaching Psychology (introduction and origins, learning cognitive approaches, the biological approach and biopsychology)</li> <li>Memory (multi-store model, working memory model, explanations for forgetting, eyewitness testimony)</li> <li>Social Influence: Conformity and Obedience (resistance to social influence, minority influence and social change)</li> <li>Developmental Psychology: Attachment (developments, explanations, types, maternal deprivation)</li> </ol>
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	<p>5. Psychopathology (definitions of abnormality, phobias, depression and OCD, approaches to phobias, depression and OCD)</p> <p>6. Research Methods (scientific processes, data analysis and presentation, maths resources)</p>
<b>Assignments</b>	6 written assignments
<b>Exam</b>	2 invigilated, closed book exams (90 minutes each)
<b>Study hours</b>	150
<b>Course expiry date</b>	24 months
<b>Prison support requirements</b>	Facilitate tutor support via email. This often requires scanning learner assignments and email them to their tutor. Co-ordinate with NEC to arrange and facilitate exams.
<b>Supplier tutor's support</b>	Yes - accessed with prison staff support
<b>Certificate</b>	Upon completing Part 1, you can choose either to take your AS exam (a qualification marking the first year of a full A-level) or continue on to Part 2 to build up to a full A-level. On successful completion of either exam, you will receive a certificate.
<b>Progress</b>	There are range of possible progression options including A-Level Psychology Part 2 and Psychology, Social Science and Wellbeing Open University Access Module (Y034). Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).