

A-Level Psychology Part 2

Summary

This course is the follow-up to Part 1, and continues to help 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.

Course Provider	National Extension College (NEC) Woolpack House, 70 High Street, Sawston CB22 3HJ 01223 400200 www.nec.ac.uk
Qualification Accreditation	AQA
Academic level	Level 3
PET entry requirements	Level 2 English, plus Psychology A-Level Part 1
Format of course material	Paper-based
Structure of course	<p>Four Lessons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approaches and Debates (psychodynamic approach, humanistic approach, gender and culture in psychology, free will and determinism, nature-nurture debate, holism and reductionism, idiopathic and nomothetic approaches, ethical implications of research, comparing approaches) Schizophrenia (Classifying, explanations, therapies, and the interactionist approach)

	<p>3. Cognition and Development (Piaget's theory, Vygotsky's theory, development of social cognition)</p> <p>4. Aggression and Further Research Methods (Bio-psychological explanations, ethological and evolutionary explanations, social explanations, media influences, institutional aggression, psychology as a science, inferential testing, choosing a statistical test).</p>
Assignments	4 written assignments and 1 past paper for revision
Exam	3 invigilated, closed book exams (120 minutes each)
Study hours	150
Course expiry date	24 months
Prison support requirements	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.
Supplier tutor's support	Yes - accessed with prison staff support
Certificate	On successful completion of exams, you will receive a certificate.
Progress	There are range of possible progression options including the Open University Access course Psychology, Social Science and Wellbeing (Y034). Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).