

Psychology A Level and BTEC Applied

There is much that you can do to prepare for your new courses. Below are some suggestions. Please make a start if Psychology is something you wish to study (either at A level or BTEC level). Don't forget to carefully document this, so that you can show your teacher in September.

1. Free online courses

- a) Below is the link for a 5 hour introductory free course from the Open University – A certificate of participation is available.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/health-sports-psychology/psychology/starting-psychology/content-section-0?active-tab=content-tab>

Description: The most 'important and greatest puzzle' we face as humans is ourselves (Boring, 1950, p. 56). Humans are a puzzle, one that is complex, subtle and multi-layered, and it gets even more complicated as we evolve over time and change within different contexts. When answering the question 'what makes us who we are?' psychologists put forward a range of explanations about why people feel, think and behave the way they do. Just when psychologists seem to understand one bit of 'who we are' up pops some new evidence to show a different side! It is not easy to pin down all the many influences. This free course, Starting with psychology, makes a start.

- b) Another 5 hour free online course which allows you to study one of the most controversial experiments in Psychology.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/society-politics-law/sociology/psychological-research-obedience-and-ethics/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

Description: In this free course, Psychological research, obedience and ethics, you will learn about the importance of ethics in research that is undertaken by psychologists. You will read about the famous study on obedience conducted by Stanley Milgram and watch two psychologists talk about their research with meerkats and chimpanzees.

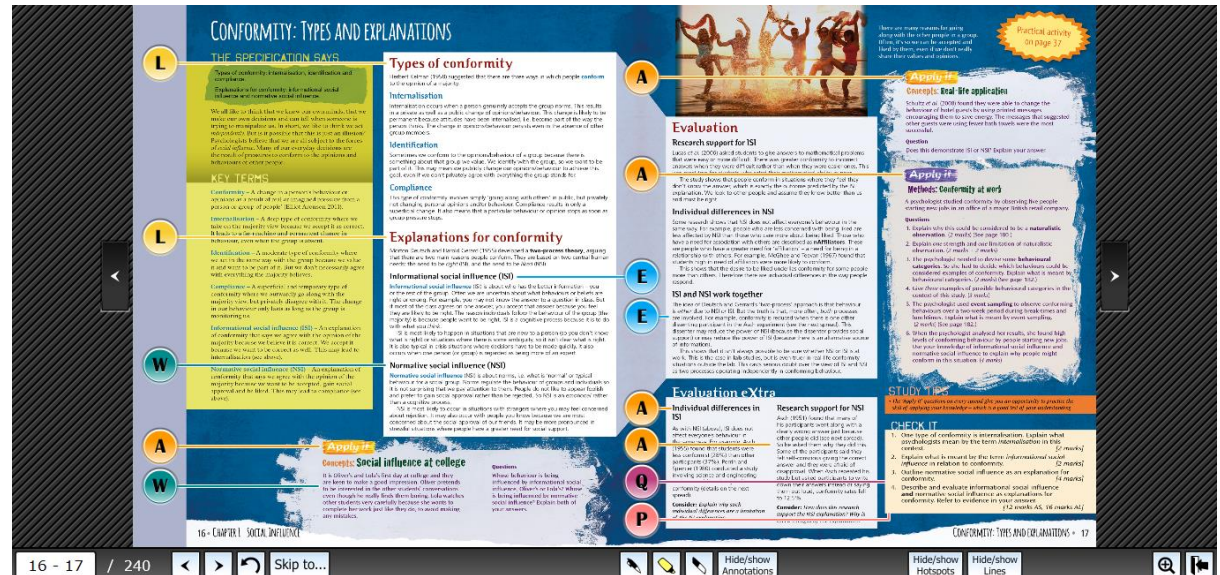
The open university course also has free courses on childhood attachment, forensic psychology and sports psychology.

2. Access our online textbook

<https://www.illuminate.digital/aqapsych1/>



You can only use this on a desktop/laptop and must maximise the screen in order to access the digital book. The user name is SHEREFORDSIXTH and the password is STUDENT.
This is an interactive book (see pictures below) where you can access answers and do quizzes for each page.



The book covers all of the Year 12 A level content, so anything you do from this will be very helpful for you when you start the course (whether A level or BTEC). Each spread contains many questions for you to think about. Try to write down your answers and check once you are done.

3. Download the Seneca App on your phone and access the course they have set up for prospective Psychology students.

The link is below.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/1b7f46e7-060b-4cf7-922b-1829a0013079>

4. Watch some Psychology related films/documentaries/TED talks

TED Talks		Media Links	MOVIES	
General Psychology	Psychology myths debunked A brain in a supercomputer Your brain hallucinates your conscious reality How language shapes the way we think	Netflix: 100 Humans Netflix: The Creative Brain Infinite Monkey Cage Podcasts Derren Brown Happier with Gretchen Rubin Podcasts Speaking of Psychology Podcasts Waking Up Podcasts		
Approaches in Psychology	A map of the brain Pavlov: Operant and Classical Conditioning	Three identical strangers Hidden Brain Podcasts	A Dangerous Method Girl, Interrupted Experimenter Dangerous Method	
Attachment	How early life experience is written into DNA Do kids think of sperm donors as family? The tragedy of orphanages Lessons from the longest study on human development Parenting lessons from the longest running study on childhood How childhood trauma affects health across a lifetime	The dark matter of love From Romania with love Netflix: Babies	Blackfish Good Will Hunting Mockingbird Don't Sing The Troubled Child About Time	
Biopsychology	Re-engineering the brain The science of stage fright What we're learning from 5000 brains Sleep is your superpower Left brain vs. right brain myth	Body clock: What makes us tick? The brain - A secret history - part 1 The brain - A secret history - part 2 The brain - A secret history - part 3 Living with half a brain	Shutter Island Concussion Faces in the Crowd	
Forensics	Why smart statistics are the key to fighting crime Exploring the mind of a killer Why teens confess to commit crimes they didn't commit Exploring the mind of a killer	Netflix: Inside the criminal mind Netflix: Making a murderer Netflix: Mindhunter Netflix - I am a killer	One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Silence of the Lambs	Shawshank Redemption We Need to Talk about Kevin
Issues and Debates	Women should represent women in media (Gender) 3 clues to understanding your brain (Nature Nurture) The ethical dilemma of designer babies (Ethics)		Experimenter Side Effects Project Nim	The Adjustment Bureau

	Moral behaviour in animals (Ethics) What hallucination reveals about our minds (Idiographic)		About Time	
Memory	Feats of memory anyone can do How your brains executive function works How reliable is your memory? Why eyewitnesses get it wrong The riddle of experience vs. memory	OU on the BBC: Eyewitness Netflix - The mind, explained	12 Angry Men 50 First Dates Memento The Notebook	The Man with the 7 Second Memory Inside Out
Psychopathology	What's so funny about mental illness? How risk-taking changes a teenager's brain What is depression? This could be why you're depressed or anxious Debunking the myths of OCD	Stacey Dooley - On the Psych Ward Horizon - OCD: A monster in my mind All in the mind podcasts	A Dangerous Method Girl, Interrupted As Good As It Gets Awakenings It's Kind of a Funny Story Little Miss Sunshine	Rain Man Side Effects Shutter Island The Men Who Stare At Goats A Beautiful Mind
Relationships	Imaginary friends and real-world consequences: parasocial relationships Connected, but alone? Technology and Communication	Netflix - At first sight Netflix: Love is Blind Non-celebrity parasocial relationship example	50 First Dates About Time Her	The Notebook The Bodyguard
Research Methods	Soon we'll cure diseases with a cell, not a pill Big data is better data	Three identical strangers	Experimenter	The Stanford Prison Experiment
Schizophrenia	I am not a monster: Schizophrenia The voices in my head There's no shame in taking care of your mental health How electroshock therapy changed me Toward a new understanding of mental illness A tale of mental illness What is schizophrenia?	Schizophrenia: Stolen minds, stolen lives	Shutter Island A Beautiful Mind The Soloist	
Social Influence	Should you trust unanimous decisions? Zimbardo - The psychology of evil My daughter, Malala Online social change: easy to organise, hard to win		The Experimenter The Wave (Die Welle) 12 Angry Men Compliance	Lord of the Flies Malcolm X The Stanford Prison Experiment



PSYCHOLOGY ENROLMENT WORK



Please complete the following tasks in preparation for your first Psychology lesson. Your teacher will collect in this work.

Access the following website: <https://www.simplypsychology.org/loftus-palmer.html>

Read the information on Loftus and Palmer's study and answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper:

1. What was the aim of this study?
2. What Procedure was used in this study?
3. What were the findings from this study?
4. What were the conclusions from this study?
5. Summarise Experiment 2.
6. Outline 2 criticisms of these studies.



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Read and make brief notes on page 6-13