

A Level (including AS) Psychology (9698)

Can students take dictionaries into the examination?

Candidates are allowed a simple translation dictionary.

What support materials are available?

Syllabus

Specimen Question Papers and Mark Schemes

AS and A Level Standards Booklet - this contains examples of marked student answers to AS and A Level questions and has a commentary from senior examiners

Question Papers and Mark Schemes

All the above are available from CIE Publications

How many hours contact time do you recommend for AS /A level?

Over a two year A level course approximately 5 hours per week of teaching time would be sufficient. Students will be expected to do individual work outside of this time.

I'm having trouble locating some of the articles referred to in the syllabus. Can you help?

We are unable to send you copies of the articles listed in the syllabus because of copyright regulations. However, if you are unable to obtain these articles, then there are two texts which are particularly useful in providing the necessary teaching material:

Gross, R. (1999) *Key Studies in Psychology, 3rd Edition*. Hodder & Stoughton. 034072045X
This book provides a comprehensive account of many (though not all) of the required studies. Some are reproduced in full and others reduced to manageable proportions. The text also contains full evaluations and background notes, and is recommended as being made available to students for reference if it is not selected as a main reader for the course.

Banyard, P. & Grayson, A. (2000) *Introducing Psychological Research; seventy studies that shape psychology, 2nd Edition*. Palgrave. 0333912519

This book contains summaries and major details relating to all of the prescribed studies and suggests tasks arising from the findings. It is comprehensive in reference and accessible in style.

I am teaching AS level Psychology for the first time and I'm looking to you for some guidance on the order of teaching topics.

It is up to you which order you choose to teach the studies in the course. However, if you are planning to teach the full A level we would recommend that the Core Studies are taught before the specialist choices, even if students take all 3 exams in the same session.

Are there any Psychology conferences for the syllabus?

There are no seminars or conferences specifically arranged for the CIE syllabus, but general support for teaching Psychology can be found from The Association for the Teaching of Psychology (ATP). The ATP is mainly concerned with the teaching of psychology in schools and colleges. It arranges events for teachers and produces a range of helpful publications. Contact details for the ATP are as follows:

The Association for the Teaching of Psychology

c/o The British Psychological Society
 St Andrew's House
 48 Princess Road East
 Leicester LE1 7DR
 United Kingdom

Can you suggest any web-sites that could be used as teaching aids?

General	
www.bps.org.uk	British Psychological Society
www.psychnet-uk.com	Psychnet UK
http://psych.hanover.edu/Krantz/journal.html	Psychology electronic journals and periodicals
www.geocities.com/CollegePark/8639/psych.html	Over 100 psychology links
http://www.2h.com/Tests/personality.phtml	Free personality tests on the web
Physiological Psychology	
http://www.crime-times.org/97d/w97dp8.htm http://www.crime-times.org/95a/w95ap1.htm	Articles from "Crime Times". Introduction to the topic, and quotes from Raine
http://www.crimelibrary.com	Case studies and information on offender profiling approaches
http://more.abcnews.go.com/sections/living/in_yourhead/allinyourhead_69.html	Article on ABC news where a Dr Konkel writes about Kip Kinkel
http://pet.radiology.uiowa.edu/webpage/Research/CaseStudies/Brain.html	The University of Iowa Imaging Centre site with information on PET scans and their uses
http://www.sleepquest.com/d_column.html	Site on sleep where Dr. Dement gives a weekly commentary. The site also has a "chat with Dr. Dement" opportunity on it
http://www.mhhe.com/socscience/intro/ibank/set1.htm	Images for teaching the functions of the brain (as well as others); notes on all the core studies and health and education
http://www.indiana.edu/~pietsch/split-brain.html http://equinox.comnet.unr.edu/homepage/otto/CH2/split.html	Sperry
Cognitive Psychology	
www.cwu.edu/~cwuchci	Gardner and Gardner - Friends of Washoe
http://faculty.washington.edu/eloftus	Loftus (contains her autobiography)
www.autism-society.org/autism.html	Baron-Cohen
www.sleepnet.com	Dement
Social Psychology	
http://www.ltc.hw.ac.uk/~mary/marble/psychology/prison/index.html	Zimbardo
http://www2.stanford.edu/dept/news/relaged/970108prisonexp.html	Zimbardo
Health	
http://www.hebs.scot.nhs.uk/menus/mental.htm	This goes to the mental health section of the website although you can also get information from other pages on alcohol, and drug abuse in Scotland
http://www.well.com/user/woa/	Site with links on drugs and alcohol mostly American
http://www.eurocare.org/profiles/	Statistics and how different European countries deal with alcohol
http://www.bbc.co.uk/horizon/mindbody.shtml	Some mind body interaction in the treatment of cancer
http://www.bbc.co.uk/health/backchat/	Looks at back pain