

Psychology & the Human Mind

The BTEC National Extended Certificate in Applied Psychology gives students the opportunity to study Psychology within a vocational framework. The qualification provides the knowledge, understanding and skills that will prepare students for further study or training.

It gives full time students an opportunity to progress onto apprenticeships, higher education or to enter employment through developing a range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life.

The National Extended Certificate (equivalent to one A-level) consists of three mandatory units and one optional unit chosen by the college.

Entry requirements

The entry requirements for this course area 5 GCSEs at grades 4-9 (or BTEC equivalents).

Course Content

During the two year course students will study **three** compulsory units:

- Psychological Approaches and Applications
- Conducting Psychological Research
- Health Psychology

They will also study **one** optional unit from the following list:

- Criminal and Forensic Psychology
- Promoting Children's Psychological Development
- Introduction to Psychopathology
- Applied Sport Psychology

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Assessment

Assessment will be through internally marked assignments and tasks set and marked externally by the exam board. The weightings for assessment are 58% external, 42% internal.

Students can achieve Pass, Merit or Distinction grading on each unit. The final grade is an aggregate of all the unit grades to give an overall grade of Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*.

Approach to Teaching and Learning

- Individual research and study
- Group work
- Class discussion
- Case studies
- Individual Reviews with your tutor
- Talks from visiting professionals
- Web based research
- Analysis of contemporary issues





Future Prospects

The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to admission requirements to many relevant applied Psychology courses. When combined with other qualifications within a two-year study programme, such as A Levels or BTECs in a complementary sector, you can progress to higher education and qualifications such as a: BSc (Hons) in Occupational Health, a BSc in Education and Child Psychology, a BSc (Hons) in Sport Psychology, a BSc in Forensic and Criminal Psychology The study of Psychology compliments all subjects as either something different, or combines well with subjects such as Sport or Health and Social Care