

Curriculum Map - Psychology

Month	Week number	Yr10	Yr11	Yr12	Yr13	
Sept	1	An introduction to psychology - key concepts and ideas	Introduction to memory/ key concepts of memory/information processing	Introduction to Psychology / Course Overview / Introduction to Approaches in Psychology: Origins of Psychology / Learning theory: Behaviourist approach	Introduction to Biopsychology: The nervous system & endocrine system / Neurons & synaptic transmission	
	2	Defining criminal behaviour and how is crime measured	Structure and functions of the brain	Learning approach: social learning theory / Cognitive theory	Localisation of function in the brain / Hemispheric lateralisation & split-brain research / Plasticity & functional recovery of the brain after trauma	
	3	Explanation on why criminal behaviour may occur	Structure and functions of the brain	The biological approach / the psychodynamic approach	Ways of studying the brain / Biological rhythms: circadian rhythms, infradian & ultradian rhythms	
	4	Research study- Cooper and Mackie	Theories of memory	The humanistic approach / Comparison of approaches	Endogenous pacemakers & exogenous zeitgebers / Review of Biopsychology	
	Oct	5	Eysenck's criminal personality theory	Types of forgetting	Review of Approaches	Introduction to Issues and Debates in Psychology: Gender bias / Culture bias / Free will and determinism
		6	Research study- Heaven's study	Research study - Wilson	Introduction to Research Methods: Types of experiments / Ethical issues	The nature-nurture debate / Holism and reductionism / Idiographic and nomothetic approaches / Ethical implications of research studies and theory

	7	Application- changing nature of punishments	The structure and processes of reconstructive memory	Faculty Term 1.1 Test	Faculty Term 1.1 Test
	8	Effects of punishments/ detents of crime	The structure and processes of reconstructive memory	Introduction to Social Influence: Conformity / Types and explanations	<i>Research Methods: Review Year 1 and Year 2 concepts</i>
Half Term					
Nov	1	The role of rehabilitation	Research study- Braun	Conformity to social roles / Obedience	Introduction to Relationships: Evolutionary explanations for partner preference
	2	Recap of Criminal PSychology	Application of memory	Obedience - situational variables / Situational explanations / Dispositional explanation	Factors affecting attraction in romantic relationships: Self-disclosure / Physical attractiveness / Filter theory
Dec	3	Research Methods Consolidation	The development of neuropsychology: memory	Resistance to social influence / minority influence / Social influence and social change	Theories of romantic relationships: Social exchange theory / Equity theory / Rusbult's investment theory / Duck's phase model
	4	Research Methods Consolidation	The development of neuropsychology: memory/ test revision	Introduction to Memory: coding, capacity & duration of memory	Theories of romantic relationships: Rusbult's investment theory / Duck's phase model
	5	Regular Test 1	Regular Test 1	The multi-store model of memory / Types of LTM	Virtual relationships in social media / Parasocial relationships

	6	Introduction to developmental psychology/ stages of development	Intoduction to psychological problems	Regular Test 1	Regular Test 1
	7	The nervous system,neurons and synapses	Incidence of mental health/ changing attitudes	The working memory model	Review of Relationships
Christmas Break					
Jan	1	The brain development and IQ test as a measure of intelligence	The effct of mental health problems	Explanations for forgetting: Interference & Retrieval failure	Introduction to Schizophrenia: Introduction / Biological explanations for schizophrenia / Biological therapy for schizophrenia
	2	Social construct - psychology testing as a form of social control	Schizophrenia	Factors affecting the accuracy of eyewitness testimony: misleading information & anxiety	Psychological explanation for schizophrenia / Psychological therapy for schizophrenia
	3	Theories of development- Piaget	Research study: Daniel	Improving the accuracy of eyewitness testimony: cognitive interview / Review of Memory	Management of schizophrenia / The interactionist approach to schizophrenia
	4	Research study - Piaget	Clinical depression	<i>Introduction to Attachment: Caregiver-infant interactions / Schaffer's stages of attachment / The role of the father</i>	Review of Schizophrenia
Feb	5	Dweck's learning theory	Research study: Tandoc/ the development of treatments	Faculty Term 2.1 Test	Faculty Term 2.1 Test

	6	Willingham's learning theory	The development of treatments	Animal studies of attachment / Explanations of attachment: Learning theory & Bowlby's theory	Introduction to Forensic Psychology: Offender profiling - The top-down approach / The bottom-up approach
Half Term					
	1	Application: changing the role of education	Sleeping and dreaming introduction - Functions and benefits of sleep & the neurology of sleep	Types of attachment / Cultural variations in attachment	Biological explanations: A historical approach / Genetic and neural
Mar	2	Concept of intelligence/ learning theory applied to education	The causes of sleep disorder	Bowlby's theory of maternal deprivation / Romanian orphan studies: Institutionalisation	Psychological explanations: Eysenck's theory / Cognitive
	3	Research Methods	Theories of dreaming	Influence of early attachment on later relationships / Review of Attachment	Psychological explanations: Differential association theory / Psychodynamic
	4	Regular Test 2	Regular Test 2	Research Methods: Experimental method / Research issues / Experimental designs / Types of experiment / Sampling / Ethical issues & ways of dealing with them	Dealing with offending behaviour: Custodial sentencing / Behaviour modification in custody
	5	Introduction to social influence in psychology	Research study: Freud	Regular Test 2	Regular Test 2
April	6	Conformity and majority influence	Research study - Williams / development of treatments for insomnia	Research Methods: Pilot studies / Observational techniques / Observational design	Dealing with offending behaviour: Anger management / Restorative justice

Easter Break					
	1	Obedience	Research Methods Consolidation	Introduction to Psychopathology: Definitions of Abnormality	Preparation for summer examination (revision)
	2	The theories of social influence	Research Methods Consolidation	Phobias, depression & OCD / The behavioural approach to explaining & treating phobias	Preparation for summer examination (revision)
May	3	The effect of situational factors	Preparation for summer examination (revision)	The cognitive approach to explaining & treating depression / The biological approach to explaining & treating OCD	Preparation for summer examination (revision)
	4	Research study: Bickman	Preparation for summer examination (revision)	Scientific Methods in Psychology	Summer examination
	5	The effect of dispositional factors on behaviour	Preparation for summer examination (revision)	Scientific Methods in Psychology	
Half Term					
June	1	Authoritarian personality		Introduction to Biopsychology: The nervous system & endocrine system / Neurons & synaptic transmission	
	2	End of Year 10 tests		End of Year 12 tests	
	3	Research study: Netcan		Localisation of function in the brain / Hemispheric lateralisation & split-brain research / Plasticity & functional recovery of	

	4	Application: changing the attitudes		Ways of studying the brain / Biological rhythms: circadian rhythms, infradian & ultradian rhythms	
July	5	Majority influence		Endogenous pacemakers & exogenous zeitgebers / Review of Biopsychology	
	6	Research Methods		Research Methods: Student Psychology Research Project	