Leicester College

Course Overview

This is an exciting new adult (19+) evening course for 2021-22. GCSE Psychology may be of interest to those who wish to study an Access to HE Diploma in either Social Science or Health Professions the following year, as it will provide the underpinning knowledge you will be able to develop further in Level 3 study. Equally, this course may be taken by those who wish to explore the subject for their own interest or top up a GCSE profile. The lessons take place at Abbey Park Campus each Tuesday evening for 3 hours, but will be expected to study at home in between classes. A psychology course guide for students will provide important information at the start of the course. This is a very intensive course so you should think carefully about whether you'll have the time to commit to it alongside work, family or other studies.

What you will learn

GCSE Psychology explores the following topics for Paper 1: Memory, Perception, Development and Research Methods. For Paper 2, the topics are Social Influence, Language, thought and communication, Brain and Neuropsychology and Psychological problems. The full specification can be found on the AQA website, providing more detail about the elements in each topic.

Entry Requirements

You will ideally already have GCSEs (L4 / grade C and above) in English and Maths, but if not, don't worry as there will be a pre-entry assessment before the course starts to make sure your skills are sufficient to meet the demands of the course.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed regularly throughout the year by your tutor; four of these summative assessments will be formal progress points so we can set academic targets and work with you to achieve them. There are two end of year external examinations set and assessed by the awarding body; these are usually in May/June.

Course Fees

You will need to supply your own stationery and possibly purchase a relevant textbook recommended by the tutor.

Course Progession

This is an ideal course for those wishing to study Psychology or Counselling at a higher level. GCSEs provide entry to a range of Level 3 courses, and GCSE Psychology is particularly relevant to Access to HE Social Sciences, and Access to HE Health professions. People with Psychology qualifications can progress to a range of careers. For example Human Resources and Criminology.

What Happens Next

You need to apply online quoting course code C7485. Please provide as much detail as you can about your previous qualifications and reasons for wanting to study Psychology. Your application will be acknowledged and then you will be contacted to arrange to take a pre-entry assessment. If successful, we will invite you to enrol in late August / early September.

Course Details

Course Code	P00376
Start Date	16/09/2025
Study Hours	Part Time
Duration	1 year
Campus	Abbey Park Campus
Level 2	

