



Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Social Influence Memory	Social Influence Memory	Research Methods Social Influence	Research Methods Approaches Attachment	Approaches Attachment	Approaches Attachment Biopsychology
Content	<p>Social influence Types of conformity: Explanations for conformity: informational social influence and normative social influence, Conformity to social roles</p> <p>Memory The multi-store model of memory: coding, capacity and duration. Types of long-term memory. The working memory model:</p>	<p>Social influence Explanations for obedience: variables affecting obedience Dispositional explanation for obedience: the Authoritarian Personality.</p> <p>Memory Explanations for forgetting: Factors affecting the accuracy of eyewitness testimony: Improving the accuracy of eyewitness testimony,</p>	<p>Social influence Explanations of resistance to social influence, Minority influence The role of social influence processes in social change.</p> <p>Research Methods Research Methods Scientific processes</p>	<p>Research Methods Data handling and analysis Inferential testing</p> <p>Approaches Learning approaches: i) the behaviourist approach, ii) social learning theory The psychodynamic approach: Humanistic Psychology: Attachment Caregiver-infant interactions Multiple attachments and the role of the father.</p>	<p>Approaches The cognitive approach: The biological approach: Attachment Animal studies of attachment: Explanations of attachment: Types of attachment:. Cultural variations in attachment,</p>	<p>Approaches Comparison of approaches Attachment Bowby's theory of maternal deprivation. The influence of early attachment on childhood and adult relationships, Biopsychology Ways of investigating the brain</p>
Rationale/ Linking	<p>Establish the key disciplinary knowledge of scientific processes and how psychology develops through evidence and research. Students start to use maths skills in running class practicals and introduces subject specific terminology that will be used throughout the course. Key ideas such as ethics, validity and androcentrism are explored through classic research.</p>		<p>The next topics include knowledge of key assumptions that underpin the psychopathology topic and the three option units and can be interleaved with these three areas. Also builds on learning of research methods when looking at observation techniques and psychology of the economy.</p>		<p>Establishes knowledge of family studies ready for the biological approach and start to introduce biological psychology ideas that will be needed in the year 13 option topic areas. Consolidates scientific processes and description and evaluation of research studies and theories within the discipline of psychology.</p>	
Assessment	<p>Students complete in class tests based on exampro materials for each topic area. They complete homework tasks, class tasks and class Q&A. Complete two mock exams in the summer term – Paper 1: Memory & Social influence Paper 2: Approaches & Research Methods</p>			Learning Resources		<p>All students have access to the illuminate textbook online, Encouraged to use tutor2U, psychboost and Seneca resources in addition to lesson materials.</p>



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Topic	Biopsychology Psychopathology	Biopsychology Psychopathology Schizophrenia	Schizophrenia Forensic Psychology	Relationships Forensic Psychology	Relationships Issues & Debates	
Content	<p>Biopsychology The divisions of the nervous system: The function of the endocrine system: Localisation of function and lateralisation: Plasticity and functional recovery of the brain after trauma.</p> <p>Psychopathology Definitions of abnormality, The behavioural, emotional and cognitive characteristics of phobias, depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder</p>	<p>Biopsychology Biological rhythms: circadian, Psychopathology The behavioural approach to explaining and treating phobias: The cognitive approach to explaining and treating depression: The biological approach to explaining and treating OCD: Schizophrenia Classification of schizophrenia.</p>	<p>Schizophrenia Biological explanations for schizophrenia: Psychological explanations for schizophrenia: Drug therapy: Cognitive behaviour therapy and family therapy as used in the treatment of schizophrenia. Token economies as used in the management of schizophrenia. The interactionist approach . Forensic Psychology Offender profiling: Biological explanations.</p>	<p>Relationships The evolutionary explanations for partner preferences, Factors affecting attraction in romantic relationships: Theories of romantic relationships:. Forensic Psychology Psychological explanations of offending behaviour: Dealing with offending behaviour:</p>	<p>Relationships Virtual relationships in social media: Parasocial relationships: Issues and debates in Psychology Gender and culture in Psychology Free will and determinism The nature-nurture debate. Holism and reductionism: Idiographic and nomothetic approaches to Ethical implications of research</p>	
Rationale/ Linking	Learners have knowledge of the biological approach and can further develop understanding of these ideas and bio concepts as important for the options topics (e.g. bio causes of SZ). Psychopathology consolidates ideas taught in approaches and introduces concepts such as diagnosis for SZ topic later.		SZ requires the review and application of assumptions and evaluation of approaches. Builds on knowledge learnt in biopsychology and psychopathology. Both topics have lots of opportunities to work on 16 mark exams prior to mocks. Forensic motivates students throughout the course.		Relationships topic is well liked by students and engages them well towards the end of the course leaving them with a love of the subject. Also helps them, to think about how their understanding of psychology can help them in their everyday lives. Issues and debates is a synoptic section so reviews and revisits lots of areas from the course.	
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