



Psychology Continued

So how successful is Psychology at Immanuel College?

Psychology has been taught at Immanuel College for the last seven years. The current Head of Department, Mrs. Joyce Mays, has been at Immanuel since 2002 and has taught in colleges of further education and sixth-form colleges for many years. Mrs. Helen Stephenson has worked in post-16 education since 1994 teaching GCSE, AS and A Level Psychology with experience of a variety of examination boards. Psychology has grown into one of the largest departments at A Level at Immanuel College. On a consistent basis over the past five years, over 50% of candidates achieve A grades and over 80% of candidates achieve either an A or a B grade.

Who studies what and when?

LVI (AS Level)

- Unit 1 1½-hour examination 50% of AS and 25% of A2 marks
- Cognitive Psychology: models of memory; memory in everyday life, including eye-witness testimony.
 - Developmental Psychology: attachment; disruption of attachment; day care and social development.
 - Research Methods: methods and techniques; investigation design; data analysis and presentation.

- Unit 2 1½-hour examination 50% of AS and 25% of A2 marks
- Biological Psychology: stress as a bodily response; factors affecting stress and stress management.
 - Social Psychology: majority and minority influence; obedience to authority; independent behaviour.
 - Individual Differences: psychopathology and abnormality; biological and psychological approaches to abnormality; therapies.

Both units comprise structured compulsory questions which include short answers, stimulus material and one 12-mark question requiring extended writing.

UVI (A Level)

Candidates will be expected to write extended essays in relation to three topics selected from:

- Unit 3 2-hour examination 25% of A2 marks
- Biological rhythms and sleep; perception; relationships; aggression; eating behaviour; gender; intelligence and learning; cognition and development.
- Unit 4 2-hour examination 25% of A2 marks
- Psychopathology, including schizophrenia, depression and anxiety disorders; contemporary issues in psychology; psychological research and scientific method.