

Introduction to Psychology

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Our Introduction to Psychology course is designed to help you understand the scientific study of behaviour and the mind. You will explore the biological, cognitive and environmental influences on behaviour and the mind. The course is designed to be both challenging and enjoyable, and to provide you with a solid foundation for your future studies in psychology.

Sample lecture/coursework questions

1. A person who is very confident and outgoing is likely to be high on the Big Five personality trait of **Extraversion**.
2. How does the brain process information? Explain the flow of information from the eyes to the brain and back to the eyes.
3. Can you explain the difference between a **correlation** and a **causation**? Give an example of each.
4. Describe the **biological basis of behaviour**. How do the brain, hormones and genetics influence behaviour?



Reading list

- Cox, A. (2012). *Child Psychology: Developmental Psychology*. Routledge.
- Jones, R. S., Collins, I. C. A., Cunniff, C., & Lunt, D. C. (Eds.). *Research in Child Psychology* (4th edn). Psychology Press.
- Leitch, J. (2015). *Teaching and Learning in Psychology* (Textbook). Psychology Press, Taylor & Francis Group. (Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, 14 & 15).
- Reid, J. P. J., & Barkley, S. (2018). *Behavioral Psychology* (Textbook). Psychology Press. (Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10).
- Griffiths, M. S., Lunt, R. B., & Mowden, G. R. (2014). *Child Psychology: Developmental Psychology*. In C. Collins, I. Collins, & R. Cunniff (Eds.), *Research in Child Psychology* (3rd edn). Psychology Press. (Chapters 1, 2, 3)
- Morris, J. E. (2017). *Learning Psychology* (Ebook). Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.
- Barkley, N. R., & Barkley, R. A. (2017). *Speech and Language* (Ebook). Psychology Press.
- Nelson, D. J., & Fergusson, D. R. (2019). [Learning Psychology: A Textbook](#). Psychology Press. (Chapter 0.70).

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