



What happens in Year 2?

Unit 3: Health Psychology

Students will learn about the psychological and behavioural processes in health, illness, and health care. This unit is concerned with understanding how psychological, behavioural, and cultural factors contribute to physical health and illness.

Unit 4: Criminal and Forensic Psychology

Criminal and Forensic Psychology will be taught as the optional unit. Students will explore the different theories used to explain criminal behaviour and the application of criminal and forensic psychology in the criminal justice system.

What can I do once I've finished this course?

You can go to University as your BTEC will count as UCAS points. Students can apply for degrees such as Psychology, Sociology, Law, Marketing and Criminology

You could also consider employment in any field which is psychology related or any industry in which a good awareness of human behaviour and interaction is important

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Applied Psychology

Why study BTEC Level 3 Applied Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of minds and behaviour. As such, it is a part of our everyday lives. An understanding of human behaviour is fundamental to many jobs in society and the study of psychology at degree level and beyond remains a very popular choice.

Studying Applied Psychology at Varndean will give you the opportunity to explore the theoretical, methodological and vocational context of Psychology.

This course is perfect if you prefer a combination of coursework and external exams it will enable you to explore topics in breadth and depth. 58% examination. 42% coursework. This is equivalent to one A Level.

How does the qualification provide employability skills?

Employability skills are in the following three main categories:

- cognitive and problem-solving skills: using critical thinking, approaching non-routine problems applying expert and creative solutions, using systems and technology
- interpersonal skills: communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation
- intrapersonal skills: self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development.

How does the qualification provide transferable skills that universities value?

- the ability to learn independently
- the ability to research actively and methodically
- the ability to give presentations and be active group members.
- Students can also benefit from opportunities for deep learning where they are able to make connections among units and select areas of interest for detailed study.
- The course provides a vocational context in which students can develop the knowledge and skills required for degree courses

How am I graded and assessed?

All units are awarded either Pass, Merit or Distinction. The coursework and external exam marks are added together to give you your overall grade, eg a Merit overall is equivalent to a C at A Level.

Four units are taught in total and two of these are externally assessed. External assessment in 58% of the course and 42% is coursework.



What units will I study in Year 1?

Unit 1 Psychological Approaches and Applications:

Some basic ideas from different approaches in psychology will be introduced. Students will develop an understanding of how psychological research and concepts can explain gender identity, aggression and consumer behaviour. In this unit, you will investigate the various ways in which psychologists explain human interactions and you will gain a clear insight into how and why some behaviour occurs.

Unit 2 Conducting Psychological Research

In this unit, students will learn about the importance of research in psychological inquiry and about the types of research that take place. Students will gain an understanding of the research process and the key methods used extensively by researchers to test theories and provide information about the ways in which people think and behave. Students will learn how to plan and conduct their own investigation.

How will I be taught?

Tutors use a variety of teaching techniques such as class discussions, group work and individual research to form the basis of each assignment. These are also supported with outside speakers and opportunities to attend conferences, theatre trips, attend the public gallery at one of Britain's oldest psychiatric institution and to be part of special workshops in London to learn about scientific investigations etc