

Unit 2 Psychology – 2018 Curriculum Overview

Week	Topic	Learning Focus
1 - 3	Research Investigation	- Students select a topic of interest and investigate prior research into the topic. Findings are presented as a scientific poster.
4	Sensation & Perception	- Roles in the reception, processing and interpretation of sensory information
5 - 6	Taste & Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The roles of sensory receptors, transmission of sensory information to the brain, and representation of sensory information in the cerebral cortex - The influence of biological, psychological and social factors on visual perception, including depth cues, visual perception principles and perceptual set - The influence of biological, psychological and social factors on gustatory perception, including age, genetics, - Perceptual set (including food packaging and appearance) and culture.
7	Distortions of Perception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The fallibility of visual and gustatory perception systems, demonstrated by visual illusions and the judgment of flavours (influence of perceptual set, colour intensity and texture) - Distortions of perception of taste and vision in healthy, intact brains as providing insight into brain function related to perception, illustrated by synaesthesia.
8 - 9	Attitudes and Stereotypes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The role of perception, attributions, attitudes and stereotypes in interpreting, analysing, remembering and using information about the social world - The tri-component model of attitudes - Attitudes and stereotypes that may lead to prejudice and discrimination.
10 - 12	Power, Obedience & Conformity	- The influence of power, obedience & conformity on individual behaviour, with reference to theorists including Asch, Milgram and Zimbardo
13 - 14	Prosocial & Antisocial Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Influences on helping behaviour (or reluctance to help) including personal, situational and social factors - Factors that influence bullying (including cyberbullying) behaviour and the effects of bullying behaviour on an individual's psychological functioning
15	Influence of the Media	- Positive and negative influences of media on individual and group behaviour, illustrated by advertising, television, video games and social media.
16 - 17	Revision	- Students will revise content from Unit 2 in preparation for final exams