



IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES

SUBJECT INFORMATION

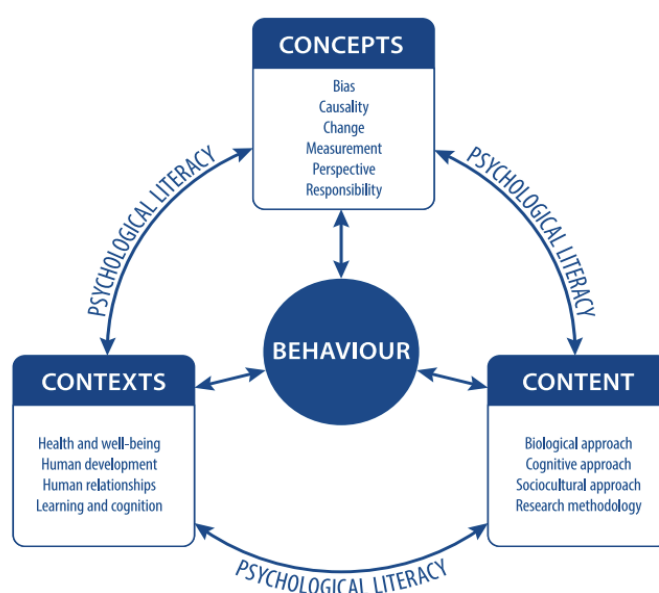
Psychology

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT

1. You aspire for a career in Psychology. Perhaps, you want to be a clinical psychologist, a counsellor, or a brain scientist. If that's the case, then taking IB Psychology is a no-brainer! Although IB Psychology may not be a requirement for all university Psychology programs, having two years of Psychology background will give you a very useful head start!
2. You want to work in a people-oriented career. Lots of careers require a good understanding of people. Teachers need to understand how their students learn best. Advertisers need to know the best ways to sell their products. Doctors need to convince their patients to lose weight and attend regular checkups. These are just some examples of how Psychology is helpful for a wide variety of people-oriented careers.
3. Psychology is a great choice if you're still unaware of your future plans. No matter where you go or what you end up doing in life, Psychology is going to be useful - everyone can benefit from a better understanding of people.

KEY CONTENT, CONCEPTS & SKILLS

The aims of the psychology course at both SL and HL are to develop an understanding of the biological, cognitive, and sociocultural factors influencing human behaviour, framed through the integration of concepts, content, and real-world contexts. Learners will also develop critical awareness of how psychological research and methodologies can be applied to address real-world issues, promoting positive change and deeper understanding of human behaviour.



ASSESSMENT

Syllabus component	Teaching hours	
	SL	HL
Concepts, content and contexts	100	100
Integrating concepts and content in the understanding of contexts		
Class practicals (minimum 4)	30	30
Extensions (HL only)		
The role of culture, motivation and technology in shaping human behaviour	n/a	45
Data analysis and interpretation		45
Internal assessment	20	20
Psychology research proposal to investigate a topic in relation to a specified population of interest.		
Total teaching hours	150	240

WHO TO CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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REQUIREMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

Good analytical thinking and developed writing skills. Recommended to have at least a Grade C/Level 4 or above in a Humanities based subject at IGCSE or equivalent.

To succeed in the IBDP Psychology course, learners should possess several key skills and foundational knowledge. Strong analytical and critical thinking skills are essential, as the course requires evaluating psychological theories and interpreting complex research data. A basic understanding of research methods, including both qualitative and quantitative approaches, will also be helpful since learners will need to assess and design psychological studies.

Prior knowledge of general scientific principles, human biology, and cultural diversity can support understanding topics related to cognitive, biological, and sociocultural psychology. Organisational and time-management skills are vital due to the course's heavy emphasis on independent research and the internal assessment. Building these skills before starting the course will help learners fully engage with the content and succeed in the demanding curriculum.

LINKS TO SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Please head to <https://ibdp.options.nexus.edu.sg> to view the [Psychology Subject Brief](#).