

PSYCHOLOGY



Palma College
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Unit 1

Social Psychology:

- Obedience
- Conformity
- Minority Influence

Cognitive Psychology:

- Models of Memory such as the Working Memory Model and Multi-Store Model
- Reconstructive Memory
- Schema Theory

Unit 2

Biological Psychology:

- Neurotransmitters, hormones and brain structure
- Neuroscience and aggression
- Body rhythms such as circadian cycle, menstrual cycle and Seasonal Affective Disorder

Learning Theories and Development:

- Classical conditioning
- Operant conditioning
- Social learning theory
- Freud's psychosexual stages of development
- Therapies/treatments

Unit 3

Criminological Psychology:

- Explanations for crime and anti-social behaviour
- Understanding the offender
- Factors influencing identification of offenders and Jury decision making
- Treatment and rehabilitation (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy)

Developmental Psychology:

- Attachment, deprivation and privation
- Cognitive and language development
- Social and emotional development

Unit 4

Clinical Psychology:

- Definitions and debates in diagnosis (DSM and ICD diagnostic manuals)
- Schizophrenia
- Eating disorders
- Therapy/treatment

Psychological skills:

- Key questions for society applying previous learning research from previous Topics
- Issues and debates, including Nature vs Nurture, Gender Bias and Cultural Issues

