

Subject

General comments about the subject

The listed contents for psychology will either be dealt with in year 7: in the core or in the IB subject or in the IB subject in year 8.

The listed contents for philosophy in year 8 can vary.

Year 7

Cognitive level of analysis:

- Models or theories of memory
- Schema theory
- Eyewitness testimony
- The interaction of cognitive + biological factors in emotion

Biological level of analysis:

- Brain scanning techniques
- Localization of brain function & neuroplasticity
- The effect of neurotransmitters & hormones on behaviour

Sociocultural level of analysis:

- The influence of the social & cultural environment on behaviour: attribution errors & stereotypes
- Social norms: compliance & conformity
- Cultural norms

Abnormal psychology:

- Concepts of abnormality, culture, gender & ethical considerations in diagnosis
- Psychological disorders: 2 disorders (= choice) from anxiety disorders, affective disorders, eating disorders: etiologies & treatment

Methodology

Experimental study (for IB psychology students) = replication of an experiment

Year 8

- Introduction to subject
- Pre-Socratics
- Epistemology
- Ethics
- Other topics (chosen by the teacher): e.g. Existentialism etc.