

# Psychology

**Level:** Stage I

**Course length:** 1 semester or  
2 semesters

**Credit value:** 10 Credits  
20 Credits

## Advice to students

No background knowledge required.

## Course overview

SACE Stage I Psychology investigates the study of the mind and human behaviour. It examines the scientific research designs and methods to understand the brain and resulting behaviour. The subject reflects on how biology, basic processes, individual aspects and interactions with others affects behaviour.

The content includes ways in which behaviour can be changed.

Students can develop useful skills in communication methods, analytical and critical thinking and in making inferences.

## The unit will consist of three topics:

### **10 credit subject**

Consists of the compulsory topic and two option topics from the following list.

### **20 credit subject**

Consists of the compulsory topic and five option topics from the following list.

#### **Compulsory topic:**

- Introduction to psychology

#### **Option topics include:**

- Social Behaviour
- Intelligence
- Cognition
- Brain and Behaviour
- Human Psychological Development
- Emotion
- Positive Psychology

## Assessment

### **10 credit subject**

There will be four assessment tasks with a weighting of 25% per task.

Types include:

- Investigations Folio (including a group investigation)
- Skills and Application Tasks (including a test)

### **20 credit subject**

There will be eight assessment tasks with a weighting of 25% per task. (4 tasks per semester).

Types include:

- Investigations Folio (including a group investigation)
- Skills and Application Tasks (including a test)

## Pathways

Although not essential this subject is recommended as preparation for SACE Stage 2 Psychology.