

Course Title:

**A Level Psychology
EDEXCEL**

Start: January 2012

No. of weeks: 35 weeks for AS level and 35 Weeks for A2 –a two year course– 4 units per A Level.

Tutor: Jacqui Walker **Cost:** 30 euros per week payable at the beginning of each term in advance. Plus exam entry fee of €60 per unit

Course Content.

AS level:

Unit 1 – Social and Cognitive Psychology – The topics covered are:

- Social psychology: obedience and prejudice.
- Cognitive Psychology: Memory and forgetting.

This unit is designed to introduce the social and cognitive approaches to psychology. Within each approach there is a requirement for students to conduct a short practical investigation.

AS unit 1 is assessed by examination lasting 1 hour 20 minutes.

Unit 2 – Understanding the Individual: – The topics covered are:

- Psychodynamic approach.
- Biological approach.
- Learning approach.

The unit aim is to develop students' understanding of development and individual differences.

AS unit 2 is assessed by examination lasting 1 hour 40 minutes.

A2 level:

Unit 3 – Applications of Psychology – The topics covered are:

- Criminology Psychology.
- Child Psychology.
- Health Psychology: substance abuse.
- Sports Psychology.

A2 unit 3 is assessed by examination lasting 1 hour 30 minutes.

Unit 4 – How Psychology Works: - The topics covered are:

Content summary:

- This unit focuses on the debates between approaches within contemporary psychology.
- In the clinical psychology section of the unit, students study aspects of clinical psychology, which include how different approaches in psychology explain and treat mental health issues.
- In the issues and debates section, students will be asked to draw on other areas of the specification in order to understand conceptual and methodological issues. Students will develop an understanding of how to use theories and evidence from different areas of psychology and apply them to issues.

Assessment:

A2 unit 4 is assessed by examination lasting 2 hours.