

Psychology General

Year 11 Course Code	GEPSY
Year 12 Course Code	GTPSY
Highly Recommended	Year 11: C grade throughout the year
	Year 12: An A, B grade in Year 11
Cost	\$50.00

Year 11 and Year 12 Course Overview

This unit provides a general introduction to personality and intelligence and seeks to explain how individuals are influenced by their surroundings. Students explore a number of influential theories used to describe and/or explain personality such as Freud's psychodynamic approach and Eysenck's trait theory. A range of intelligence theories are reviewed and cultural influences with respect to intelligence testing and child-rearing are examined.

Year 11 Course Structure

Unit 1 - This unit provides a general introduction to personality and intelligence and seeks to explain how individuals are influenced by their surroundings. Students explore a number of influential theories used to describe and/or explain personality such as Freud's psychodynamic approach and Eysenck's trait theory

Unit 2 - This unit introduces students to the human brain, focusing on the major parts. Students explore the impact of factors influencing behaviour, emotion and thought, including heredity, hormones, physical activity and psychoactive drugs which students can apply throughout their study, work and everyday lives.

Year 12 Course Structure

Unit 3 - This unit expands on personality theories studied in Unit 1 by introducing students to important theorists including Bandura, Pavlov and Skinner. Students apply knowledge and understandings to explore how personality can shape motivation and performance. A

Unit 4 - In this unit, the functions of the four lobes of the cerebral cortex are examined. Brain scanning techniques and relevant case studies are used to illustrate the link between the brain and behaviour.