

THE LEARNING JOURNEY FOR PSYCHOLOGY

Unit / Block of work	Key Episodes / Questions	Additional Details	Length of time.	Learner Attribute(s)
Approaches to researching behaviour	Paper 3: Question 1a: Methods of Research	<i>Paper 3 content</i> <i>Experimental Methods</i> <i>Non- experimental Methods</i>	Week 1-2	Principled
	Paper 3: Question 1b: Sampling Techniques	<i>Paper 3 content</i> Random sampling convenience/opportunity sampling Volunteer sampling Purposive sampling Snowball sampling	Week 3-4	Principled
	Paper 3: Question 1c: Alternative Methods	<i>Paper 3 content</i>	Week 5-6	Principled
	Paper 3: Question 2: Ethical Considerations	<i>Paper 3 content</i> <i>Types of Ethics</i>	Week 7-9	Principled
	Paper 3: Question 3	<i>Paper 3 content: Bias, Generalisability and Credibility</i>	Week 10-15	Principled
The relationship between brain and behaviour	Techniques used to study the brain in relation to behaviour	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI)	Week 1-2	Knowledgeable
	Localization of function	Localisation vs Distribution of function	Week 3-4	Knowledgeable
	Neuroplasticity	<i>Neural network</i> <i>Neural pruning</i>	Week 5-6	Knowledgeable
	Neurotransmitters	<i>Neuron</i> <i>Synapse (how these relate to excitatory and inhibitory neurotransmitters)</i> <i>Agonist</i> <i>antagonist</i>	Week 7-9	Knowledgeable
Hormones and Pheromones and their effects on behaviour	Hormones	Oxytocin and Trust	Week 10-11	Knowledgeable
	Pheromones	Arguments for and against the influence of pheromones	Week 11-12	Knowledgeable
The relationship between genetics and behaviour	Genes	5HTT Gene and its effect on depression	Week 13	Knowledgeable
	Genetic Similarity	<i>Twin and kinship studies</i>	Week 14	Knowledgeable
	Evolutionary explanations for behaviour	Mate selection	Week 15	Knowledgeable
HL Extension	Animal Research	HL only	Week 15-17	Principled
Cognitive Processes	Models of Memory		Week 18	Thinker
	Schema Theory		Week 19	Thinker
	Thinking and Decision Making	<i>Intuitive and rational thinking</i>	Week 20	Thinker
Reliability of Cognitive Processes	Reconstructive Memory		Week 19	Thinker
	Biases in Thinking and Decision Making		Week 21	Thinker
Emotion and Memory	The influence of emotion on cognitive processes		Week 22	Thinker
The individual and the group	Social Identity Theory	<i>Social groups</i>	Week 16	Open minded
	Social Cognitive Theory		Week 16	Open minded
	Formation of stereotypes and their effects on behaviour		Week 17	Open minded
Cultural origins of behaviour and cognition	Culture and its influence on behaviour	<i>cultural groups</i> - characterised by different norms and conventions	Week 17	Open minded
	Cultural dimensions	Individualism/collectivism	Week 18	Open minded
Cultural influences	Enculturation	<i>norms</i>	Week 19	Open minded
	Acculturation	<i>assimilate/assimilation</i>	Week 20	Open minded
Approaches to researching behaviour	Paper 3: Question 3	Generalizability, credibility & avoiding bias	Week 21-22	Principled