

Queen Margaret College
Year 12 and 13 Psychology Programme
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Course Component	Percentage of final grade		Internal / External	Proposed assessment date
	SL	HL		
Paper 1 (Core)	40	50	External	November examination, 2nd year
Paper 2 (Options x 2*)	20	25	External	November examination, 2nd year
Paper 3** (Qualitative Research Methods)	20		External	November examination, 2nd year
Internal Assessment	20	25	Internal	End of Term 4, 1st Year

* Standard Level students only do one option paper

** Higher level students only

Course details

The IB Diploma Psychology Programme aims to develop an awareness of how research findings can be applied to better understand human behaviour and how ethical practices are upheld in psychological inquiry. Students learn to understand the biological, cognitive and sociocultural influences on human behaviour and explore alternative explanations of behaviour. They also seek to understand and use diverse methods of psychological inquiry. Course components include the biological, cognitive and sociocultural approaches to understanding psychology, and optional modules which include abnormal psychology and the study of human relationships. In addition, students also carry out a psychological experiment of their own in the form of a replication of a previously published study. Higher Level students are also introduced to qualitative research methods such as interviews, case studies and observations

Course Information

- For HL students, 80% of course is assessed by examination at the end of the second year (75% for SL students)
- The internal assessment is required to be handed in during class time on the due date.

Homework expectations

Your daughter should be learning at home for a total of at least 15 hours per week night, across all subjects.

To achieve at a high level in this subject, students are expected to complete some homework during the week. Homework might include:

- Doing readings in preparation for upcoming lessons
- Revising class notes
- Planning and practicing essay writing in exam conditions
- Internal assessment tasks