

Bucksmore Pre-University Preparation • *Course Description*

Key Facts Law

Location: St. Hilda's College

For ages: 15-17

Class Size: 12

Hours per week: 23 hours

Minimum Duration: 2 weeks

Start Dates: 30 June or 14 July 2026

Psychology

Subjects

Psychology

Treatments

Therapies

Ethics

Experience Being Taught at First-Year Undergraduate Level in Oxford

This programme prepares students to excel in their chosen subjects within the highly competitive higher education environment. Students will be taught Psychology at a first-year undergraduate level within a prestigious Oxford University setting.

The Pre-University Psychology course at Bucksmore introduces students to the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. It combines theory with practice, helping students to explore how psychologists analyse emotions, cognition, and social interaction.

Through workshops, discussions, and research projects, students develop skills in critical thinking, data analysis, and essay writing—ideal preparation for university-level psychology or related social sciences.

Students live on campus and take part in excursions around Oxford and top UK destinations, ensuring a well-rounded learning experience that blends academic study with real-world applications.

For more information on this programme, please follow this link to our dedicated course page: www.bucksmore.com/summer-courses/pre-university-summer-courses/psychology-course/

Course Features

Psychology is both a scientific discipline and a powerful tool for understanding human behaviour. Over two weeks, students will explore core psychological perspectives, from cognitive and biological to behavioural, psychodynamic, and humanist approaches.

The course examines big questions—nature vs nurture, free will vs determinism, mind vs body—while also connecting psychology to real-world contexts such as mental health, social influence, and digital behaviour. Students will also practise the methods of psychologists, learning how to formulate research questions, analyse case studies, and evaluate evidence.

- **Foundations of Psychology:** Understanding the scope of psychology and its different schools of thought
- **Core Debates:** Exploring key questions such as nature vs nurture, free will vs determinism, and reductionism vs holism
- **Cognitive & Social Psychology:** Analysing models of memory, eyewitness testimony, conformity, obedience, and social influence
- **Development & Attachment:** Examining childhood development and attachment theory through classic and contemporary studies
- **Psychopathology & Treatment:** Defining mental disorders, studying clinical perspectives, and discussing therapeutic approaches
- **Research Methods & Ethics:** Learning how psychologists design studies, collect and analyse data, and address ethical challenges

Course Details

Upper Intermediate (B2) English level required.