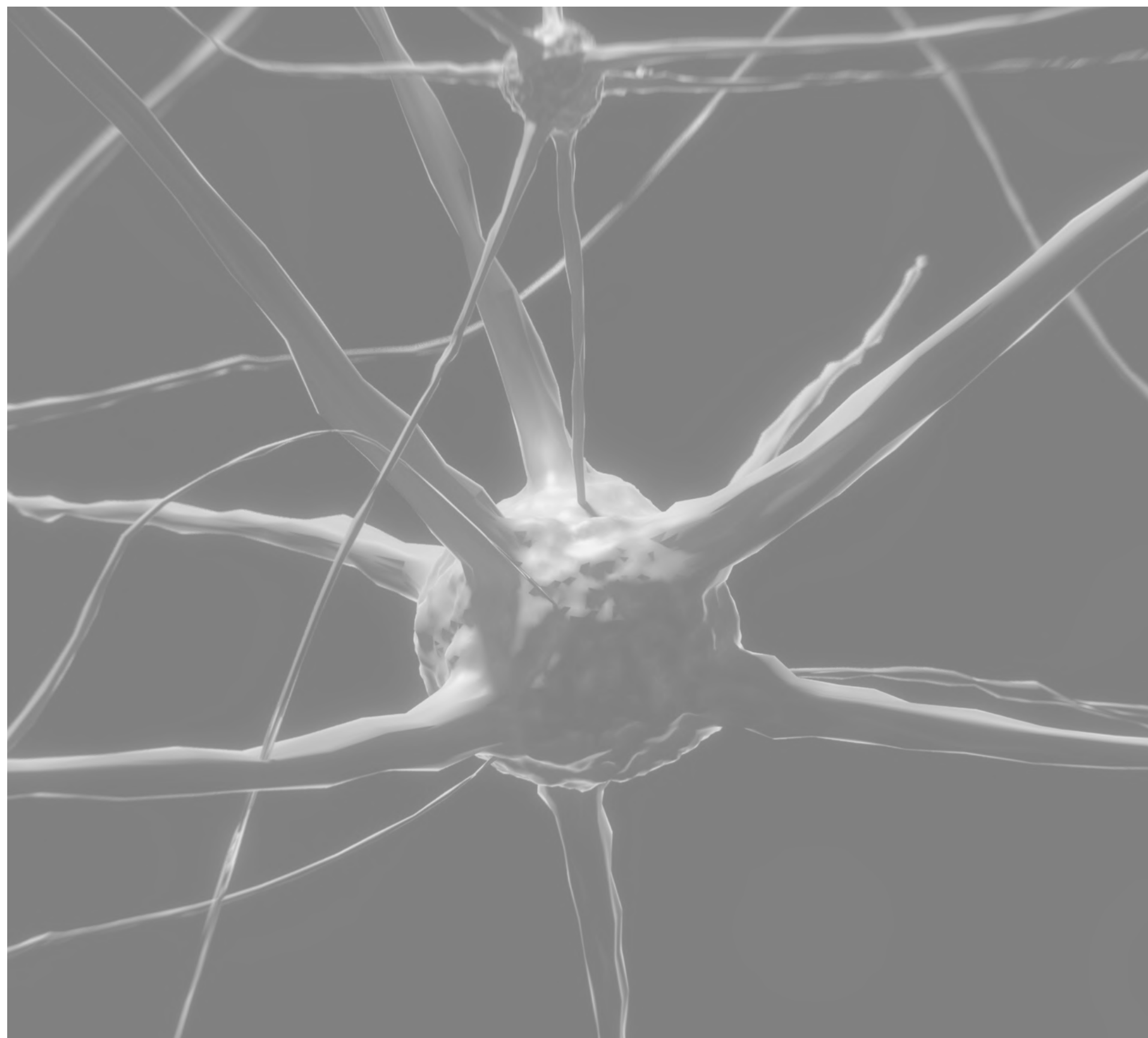


# Psychology

## National 5

### Progression through Psychology

Higher  
Psychology



### Course Content

#### Research

This introduces candidates to the research process, research methods and ethics used in psychology. Candidates develop knowledge and understanding of factors to consider when planning and carrying out psychological research. They also develop numerical skills and an understanding of psychological terminology.

#### Individual behaviour

This enables candidates to use psychology to explain individual behaviour. They investigate topics and learn how these topics can be explained using psychological theories. They also consider the strengths and weaknesses of different theories investigated.

#### Social behaviour

This explains how interaction with others shapes social behaviour. Candidates investigate social psychological topics and use relevant concepts and research evidence to explain how the thoughts, feelings and behaviours of individuals are developed through interaction within the social environment. Candidates use psychological knowledge and understanding to explain examples of everyday behaviour.

### Skills Developed

The following provides a broad overview of the subject skills, knowledge and understanding developed in the course:

- explaining psychological concepts, theories, and terminology
- using basic investigation skills to select, organise and interpret information in psychology
- applying knowledge and understanding of psychology to explain human behaviour
- understanding the basic research process in psychology, including the ability to explain strengths and weaknesses of methods and to describe ethical and scientific standards
- using research evidence to explain human behaviour
- interpreting basic descriptive statistics in psychological research, including the ability to calculate the mean, median and mode
- using communication skills appropriate to psychology

### Assessment

**Exam Paper**  
70 marks

**Assignment**  
30 marks

### Related Careers

Commons career paths for students of Psychology include:

- Clinical psychologist
- Counsellor
- Forensic psychologist
- Teacher
- Occupational therapist
- Border Force officer
- Careers adviser
- Detective
- Life coach
- Market researcher
- Special educational needs coordinator (SENCO)

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