

# MSc Psychology



## Programme Overview

Liverpool Hope University's MSc Psychology is designed as a conversion course and is accredited by the British Psychological Society. It offers graduates from other subjects the opportunity to start a new career in psychology. In addition, the programme is available to psychology graduates who completed a psychology degree which did not have accreditation from the British Psychological Society.

On successful completion of the programme students will become eligible for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) with the British Psychological Society (BPS). GBC is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist. Eligibility to GBC is the prerequisite for entry onto postgraduate and professional training courses offered by the BPS.

The programme covers the key topics of Psychology such as Biological Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Social Psychology, Developmental Psychology and Personality and Individual Differences and underpins these topics with research carried out in the Department. It has a strong component of Research Methods and Statistics which enables the successful candidates to design and conduct research not only in Psychology but also in other areas of social sciences.

The programme is taught at Liverpool Hope's Psychology Department. The Department is research active with increasing strength in Cognitive Psychology. As a Masters student of Psychology you will be directly involved in on-going research projects as part of your learning experience.

## Why choose this subject?

- **Start a new career in Psychology** - Liverpool Hope's MSc Psychology is designed as a conversion course and is accredited by the British Psychological Society. It offers graduates from other subjects the opportunity to start a new career in Psychology. The conversion course has been successfully supporting students in entering further postgraduate training (such as Clinical Doctorates, Doctorates in Educational Psychology, etc).
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## Key Information

**Award:** MSc Psychology

**Study Mode:** Full-time; Part-time.

**Duration:** 12 months full-time; 27 months part-time.

**Intake:** October

**Entry Criteria:** A minimum of a Second-Class Honours degree in a relevant discipline awarded by a UK university, or an equivalent higher education qualification.

Please note this is a conversion course for non Psychology Degrees.

For students whose first language is not English there is a language requirement of IELTS 6.5 overall (reading 6.0, writing 6.0).

**Fees and Funding:** For tuition fee information, please go to the Student Finance pages at [www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/feesandfunding](http://www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/feesandfunding)

**School:** Psychology.

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- **Research Opportunities** - The MSc covers the key topics of Psychology such as Biological Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Social Psychology, Developmental Psychology and Personality and Individual Differences and underpins these topics with research carried out in the Department.
- **Research Seminar Series** - Postgraduate students are also invited to the departmental research seminar series which hosts leading academics from around the world, giving them access to the latest research and developments within Psychology.
- **Interdisciplinary Approach** - The MSc Psychology has a strong component of Research Methods and Statistics which enables the successful candidates to design and conduct research not only in Psychology but also in other areas of social sciences.
- **International Faculty** - You will be taught by leading academics with international experience. You will be able to draw upon a wide area of expertise and scholarship.
- **Dedicated Career Development Specialist** - Liverpool Hope University is renowned for its first class student support, encompassing the Student Success Zone and Career Development. You will have a dedicated career development counsellor, with expertise in postgraduate-level careers counselling.

## Curriculum

The programme consists of four taught courses and a dissertation (final research project). All teaching is delivered in person, two days a week, in a small group setting including only the postgraduate cohort. You will be assessed for each module. Assessment methods will vary and may include academic essays, reports, presentations, examinations, a research proposal and research dissertation.

### Courses

**Brain and Mind (30 credits):** Brain and Mind covers the topics in Biological Psychology, Cognitive Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience including history of these areas. This includes psychobiological and cognitive explanations to behaviour and communication, perception, attention, memory, learning, thinking and emotion.

**Individual and Group (30 credits):** Individual and Group includes Developmental Psychology, Social Psychology and Personality/Individual Differences including history. The course includes theories of the development of psychological processes in evolution and lifelong learning, and will address major approaches to understanding development and explore issues related to cognitive development, gender socialisation, identity development, language development and moral development. You will also study theories of personality and individual differences, intelligence and psychological testing, social group processes, social perception, leadership, social influence, group stereotypes and prejudice.

**Exploring Psychology in Practice (30 credits) and 2 (30 credits):** This course provides a comprehensive overview of a diverse range of quantitative and qualitative research methods and the necessary practical skills required for their application.

You will learn research design and basic statistics (qualitative and quantitative methods, experimental designs, statistical testing, parametric and nonparametric tests, factorial designs, analysis of variance, correlation, regression etc.).

### Research Dissertation (60 credits):

The dissertation module allows students to develop their own research project, including planning, designing, execution and presentation of research findings at postgraduate level. You will produce a report or publishable quality and format under supervision of an experienced member of the Psychology team.

## Teaching and Research

Our Postgraduate Psychology programmes are led by well-respected academics with internationally recognised research profiles in the fields of Cognitive Psychology, Parapsychology, Social and Political Psychology, Sports Psychology.

Teaching is in line with the wider University Learning and Teaching strategy and encourages learning in small groups to foster the development of academic potential and improve the working dynamic between students and members of staff.

All taught classes are held at Liverpool Hope University's main campus, Hope Park.

The campus is situated just four miles from the city centre and offers superb academic and support facilities, including on-campus library with extended opening hours, free computer and wi-fi access, access to the on-campus gym and sports centre and a careers service for advice on part-time work opportunities and post-study careers.

## Future Career Opportunities

This MSc opens up a wide range of career opportunities in Psychology and beyond, as you will have a broad array of research skills which can be applied to virtually any organizational setting. As a graduate of the MSc Psychology you will get access to postgraduate professional training courses offered by the BPS. This includes careers in Clinical Psychology, Counselling, Educational Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Health Psychology, Occupational Psychology and Sport Psychology. You will also be well qualified to continue research towards PhD and pursue an academic career.

During your studies you will acquire a broad range of transferable skills such as communication skills, problem solving, numeracy and statistical skills, critical and creative thinking, decision making, organisational skills, team working, and IT skills. With these skills Psychology graduates are well placed for careers and further training in Health and Social Care, Marketing and PR, Management and Human Resources, Education and other fields in the Public Sector.

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