

Psychology BSc (Hons)

UCAS Code: C800 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2021/2022

Accredited | Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

Psychology is the study of people, with a particular focus on individuals. Knowledge and skills cultivated within the discipline enable practitioners to intervene at personal- inter-personal- and systemic-levels in order to enable people to live better lives. While the Core Course in our curriculum, which is studied by both Single- and Double Major students, enables essential learning, the Additional Course, which is studied by Single-Major students only, stretches our understanding of people in relation to contextual variables.

Giving students a choice over what they study is important to us. Choice of programmes allows students to study a course that reflects their prior interests, lived experience, or future goals. Ethical practice and working within a shared set of values is also important to us; our University is deeply committed to serving the common good. We see Psychology as a discipline with the capacity, and responsibility, to make a positive contribution to how people live in everyday life.

In our teaching of Psychology, we strive to enable our students to grow into constructive citizens who are curious about people, and motivated to make a positive difference to the lives of others. Beyond classroom learning, there are opportunities to enrich your chosen programme of study in a way that will help you in developing your psychological thinking. They include going on a placement, working as a research assistant in a laboratory, travelling to another country as part of Global Hope, or under the Erasmus study abroad scheme.

Our enthusiasm for the discipline is reflected in our University's TEF Gold Award, and our consistently high ratings in other reliable measures of the quality of a University; e.g. National Students' Survey. If our departmental narrative matches with what you aspire to be, then come and study with us at Liverpool Hope University.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2021/2022 are £9,250 for full-time undergraduate courses.

On top of your tuition fees, you need approximately £250 for the purchasing of key textbooks. There may also be a cost for any fieldtrips; details of costs will be given to you with plenty of notice.

There is a small cost for student BPS membership, and once you graduate, there is a registration fee and annual fee thereafter for Graduate Membership – full details of costs can be found on the BPS website: www.bps.org.uk

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university.

Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence: www.hope.ac.uk/halls

Entry Requirements

The standard offer level is 120 UCAS tariff points. In addition, you should have GCSE grade C/4 or above (or equivalent) in Mathematics.



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Psychology BSc (Hons) Curriculum

Year One

- Introduction to the scientific method as applied in Psychology
- Application of the scientific method to an understanding of individuals and of groups
- Research Design and Analysis
- Considering the ethical challenges of studying people*
- Cultural variables that shape individuals and groups*
- Examining evidence for- and the causes of, current-day social problems*
- Basic programming skills in designing experiments that measure accuracy and reaction time*

Year Two

- Exploring people's perceptual and cognitive abilities
- How perceptual and cognitive abilities develop and change over time, and differ across individuals
- Research design and analyses, drawing upon qualitative (e.g., interviewing people and conducting focus groups) in addition to quantitative research (numerical data)
- Conducting small research projects in preparation for dissertations in year three
- Psychologists as practitioners (e.g., educational- and clinical settings)*
- Designing a psychological intervention of choice*
- Psychological research in the work place*

Year Three

- Research project leading to dissertation
- Emotions and individual differences in motivation
- Connections between cognitive abilities
- Emotional experience
- Brain structure and function
- Selecting one seminar from a number of options that currently include: Aesthetics, Education, Mental Health, Neuroscience, Peace & Conflict, and Religion. Single hours students can select two topics.
- Challenges that psychologists must face in order to contribute to a better society, varying from the prevalence of mental distress to climate change*

**Please note topics marked with a * are studied by single honours students only.*

Accreditation

Our degree is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS), and upon completion of your studies, you will become eligible for Graduate Basis of Chartered Membership (GBC). This will give you access to the postgraduate training courses of the BPS.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, where all students are taught together, seminars of smaller groups of around 20-30 students, and tutorials which typically have no more than 10 students.

If you are studying Psychology as a Single Honours degree, in your first year of study there are approximately 12 teaching hours each week, which reduces to approximately 10 teaching hours in your second and third years. If you are studying Psychology as a Combined Honours degree, in your first year of study there are approximately 6 teaching hours each week, which reduces to approximately 5 teaching hours in your second and third years.

In addition to in-class hours, you will read relevant texts, and prepare assignments, both on your own and sometimes in groups. Specific enrichment-related activities include our Global Hope Programme, Special Interest Groups, Placements and Research Internships.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

During your three years of study, you will have a number of assessments, including written exams, essays, reports, portfolios, presentations and assessed laboratory work, both as an individual and as a team member, culminating in a individual research dissertation.

Electronic written feedback is provided for all coursework, with an opportunity to discuss this with your tutor in more detail, if required.



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