Psychology BSc (Hons)

UCAS Code: C800 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2024/2025

Accredited | Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

We provide a number of programmes of study in Psychology. There are two Single Honours programmes - BSc Psychology, BSc Sports Psychology – and we offer a suite of Combined Honours programmes. Combined Honours programmes allow students to match the core curriculum in Psychology with the core curriculum of many other subjects taught at Liverpool Hope (e.g., Psychology and Criminology, Psychology and Education). Providing students with a choice of of studying Psychology alongside over thirty other disciplines means that students can choose to study Psychology in a way that matches their interests.

Ethical practice and working within a shared set of values is also important to us; our University is 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. Through 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 year, working as a research assistant in a laboratory, travelling to another country as part of Global Hope, or studying abroad.

Our enthusiasm for the discipline is reflected in our consistently high ratings of teaching quality. If our departmental narrative aligns with what you aspire to be, then come and study with us at Liverpool Hope University.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2024/2025 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

Applicants will need access to a computer if course delivery is switched to online. The University has a laptop lending service if remote study is necessary.

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

What is Psychology?

This lecture series explores the historical and conceptual issues underpinning the study of psychology as a scientific discipline.

Individual and Group Perspectives

Lectures explore theories and conceptual issues in social psychology and individual differences, and their relationship to important social issues (e.g., racism, populism, the environment).

Research Design and Analysis 1

In this lecture and seminar series, students develop an understanding of basic research designs, and are introduced to statistical analysis.

Developing a Psychological Imagination

Students engage in a series of structured activities that support their critical thinking, presentation, writing and research skills. These skills are developed in the context of working as an individual and as part of a tutorial group.

Single Honours students will also study:

- Ethical Dilemmas in Psychology
- Psychology and Globalisation
- Science, Data, Facts and Truths
- Experimental Programme Design
- Reflective Learner in Psychology

Year Two

Vision and Cognition

This lecture series explores how our visual and cognitive processing systems influence how we perceive information.

Developmental Psychology

The lecture series examines how humans change cognitively, socially and emotionally over the lifespan across different experiences and contexts.

Research Design and Analysis 2

These seminars build on the introductory understanding of research design and analysis gained in Year 1. In the seminar classes, students colloborate in small groups to conduct two research studies (one experimental and one qualitative).

Single Honours students will also study:

- Health Psychology
- Educational Psychology
- Clinical Psychology

- Prevention Science
- Applied Psychology Research

Year Three

Biological Psychology

These lectures explore psychology from evolutionary, genetic, and physiological perspectives.

Motivation and Emotion

The lecture series investigates motivation and emotion from various psychological perspectives (e.g., attitudes and self-concept, through to intrinsic and extrinsic motivation, and goal setting).

Research Design and Analysis 3

These lectures and workshops help develop the further skills needed to conduct an independent research project, and they support the Dissertation.

The Research Project: Dissertation

You are guided by a supervisor in Psychology to produce an independent 30-credit on a topic of your choice. The dissertation is completed following the principles of the Open Science Framework.

Single Honours students will also study:

Future Challenges for Psychology and Society

You will be able to select two courses from the following*:

- Psychology of Aesthetics and the Arts
- Counselling Theory and Practice
- Psychology of Religion
- Psychology of Peace and Conflict
- Human Memory
- Communicative Development in Educational Settings
- Cognitive Neuroscience

*Subject to change

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 complete assignments, both on your own and in groups. Specific enrichmentrelated 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 individually and working in groups. In the final year students complete an individual empirical research project (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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