

Psychology BSc (Hons)

UCAS Code: C800 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2025/2026

Accredited | Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

The importance and relevance of psychology to all areas of life and society continues to grow, meaning that an undergraduate degree in psychology will prepare you for a diverse range of careers. The Psychology courses at Liverpool Hope University equip students with knowledge and understanding of human thinking and behaviour. The single honours BSc Psychology course has a focus on applications of psychology and students are supported in their development of skills to apply psychological knowledge to real-life settings. As an alternative, a combined honours Psychology degree at Liverpool Hope allows you to study psychology alongside one of over twenty other disciplines meaning you can choose to study psychology in a way that matches your interests.

Accredited by the British Psychological Society, the single and combined honours Psychology courses provide an in-depth scientific knowledge and understanding of the core areas of psychology. You will be supported by a friendly team of experienced and research-active lecturers to acquire skills of critical thinking and independent learning. The transferable skills developed through the course will be relevant to a variety of sectors including healthcare, the criminal justice system, education, and marketing.

You will have the opportunity to enrich your degree through a series of extra-curricular activities, such as working as a research intern, supporting your peers as a mentor, and applying psychology outside the University (e.g., working in groups on an outward-bound retreat and teaching in another country as part of our Global Hope network). You will also have access to the School of Psychology labs where you can gain first-hand experience of specialist psychology techniques and equipment, such as eye-tracking, EEG, and observational methods.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2025/2026 are £9,535 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

Many students find it useful to have a laptop during their studies. Any laptop will be fine; however, we do not recommend a Chromebook as this does not support some of the psychology-specific software that you will need in your degree.

Entry Requirements

Please see the website for further information.



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Psychology BSc (Hons) Curriculum*

Year One

Introduction to Psychology

In the first year you will explore What is Psychology to develop an understanding of the historical and conceptual issues related to psychology as a scientific discipline. In Individual and Group Perspectives you will study topics such as conflict, attitudes, altruism and prosocial behaviour, and discrimination. You will also study Research Design and Analysis, engaging in research and developing key skills around ethical issues, research design, and methods of analysis.

If you are a BSc single honours Psychology student you will also cover Ethical and Global Issues in Psychology including topics such as morality, acculturation, and globalisation. You will have seminars introducing you to human reasoning and biases in Thinking as a Psychologist, and you will be introduced to specialist software to design research experiments in Experimental Programme Design.

Year Two

Explorations in Psychology

The second year focuses on cognitive and developmental psychology, and continues the training provided in research design and analysis. In Vision and Cognition, you will study topics such as visual perception, memory, attention, and language, and in Developmental Psychology you will cover topics such as maturational changes, biological factors in development, and emotional influences through the lifespan. Research Design and Analysis 2 introduces more complex research designs in quantitative psychology and also covers qualitative methods (e.g., observation, thematic analysis) and mixed methods approaches to research.

If you are a single honours Psychology student, you will continue to consider how psychology can be applied to different contexts and settings. This year you will study Health Psychology, Clinical Psychology, and Educational Psychology.

Year Three

Advanced Studies in Psychology

The final year examines psychological functioning at a biological and cellular level in Biological Psychology and relates this back to societal and individual issues covered in years one and two. The topics covered include brain plasticity, reward circuits, and neuroscientific methods. This final year marks the point where students have more ownership over their studies. This will include you choosing to study one from a selection of 12-week Specialist Seminars (topics include Cognition and Wellbeing, Forensic Psychology, Psychology of Addictions, and Perception and Action in Training and Rehabilitation*).

In this final year, all students complete an independent empirical research project, the Dissertation. Here you will explore in-depth an area that you are passionate about and you will be supervised by a lecturer in the School of Psychology.

If you are a single honours student, you will also choose two options from a selection* including: Cognitive Neuroscience, Human Memory, Psychology of Religion, Applied Developmental Psychology, Psychology of Aesthetics and the Arts, Counselling Theory and Practice, and Psychology of Peace and Conflict.

**Subject to change*

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, where all students are taught together, seminars of smaller groups of around 15-20 students, and tutorials which typically have no more than 10 students.

During 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 single honours all these hours will be taught by Psychology, if you are studying combined honours, half the teaching hours will be taught by lecturers in Psychology and half will be taught by lecturers from your other discipline).

On top of teaching hours, you are expected to spend a number of hours studying independently each week, as well as studying in groups to prepare for any group assessments that you may have.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

You will complete a number of formative and summative assessments both individually and working in groups. This includes written exams, essays, reports, portfolios, presentations, and assessed laboratory work. In the final year all students complete an individual empirical research project in Psychology (dissertation).

Written feedback is provided for all coursework, along with the opportunity to discuss this in more detail with your tutor.



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