

Psychology BSc (Hons)

UCAS Code: C800 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2026/2027

Accredited | Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

The study of Psychology is more relevant than ever, offering insights into human thought and behaviour that impact every aspect of life and society. A Psychology degree at Liverpool Hope University equips you with the knowledge and practical skills needed for a wide variety of careers. The single honours BSc Psychology course focuses on applying psychological principles to real-life contexts, while the combined honours option allows you to study psychology alongside one of over twenty other disciplines.

Both single and combined honours Psychology courses are accredited by the British Psychological Society, ensuring you gain a solid grounding in core areas of psychology while developing critical thinking and independent learning skills. Our experienced, research-active lecturers support you throughout your studies, helping you build transferable skills valuable in sectors such as healthcare, education, marketing, and the criminal justice system.

The Psychology degree also offers opportunities to enrich your learning through research internships, mentoring, outward-bound retreats, and international experiences as part of our Global Hope network. You'll benefit from access to specialist labs, gaining hands-on experience with techniques such as eye-tracking, EEG, and observational methods.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2026/2027 are £9,790 for full-time undergraduate courses.

If you would like to join the BPS as a student member, the first year is free, followed by an annual fee of £33 (correct as of October 2025). This allows you free access to BPS academic journals, and discounts on conferences, events and webinars. Further details can be found on the BPS website.

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

In the first year of your studies, you will cover a series of 30 credit modules.

Psychology, Self and Society

In this module, you will develop an understanding of the historical and conceptual issues related to psychology as a scientific discipline and consider related questions and debates.

Psychological Research Methods

This module lays the foundations of the critical awareness skills required to examine the scientific and empirical basis of support for the philosophical and conceptual questions raised across the degree programme.

Psychology in Context

In this module, you will be introduced to psychological theories and evidence for how humans think and reason about the world.

Cross Cultural Psychology

This module focusses on understanding psychology within the context of a globalised world. It builds on ideas such as the development of language and communication across different cultures, in addition to cross cultural differences in personality, identity and well being.

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

The course is organised into modules that guide you through all the essential elements of a psychology-based degree.

Teaching is structured into lectures and seminars, supported by small group tutorials designed to consolidate and deepen your learning.

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, which will allow you to showcase your skills in a variety of ways. 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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