

Psychology in Business BSc (Hons)

UCAS Code: PIB1 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2026/2027

Accredited | Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

The integration of psychology within organisational settings offers powerful insights into individual and group behaviour in the workplace. The BSc Psychology in Business degree at Liverpool Hope University equips you with the knowledge of human thinking and behaviour, alongside the skills to apply this expertise directly to the world of work.

This Psychology in Business course provides a scientific foundation in the core areas of psychology – social, cognitive, biological, developmental, and individual differences – while focusing on how theories and methods can be applied to business environments. You will explore how, when, and why people work best, and how behaviour can be shaped to enhance workplace satisfaction and productivity, as well as developing awareness of contemporary issues in psychology and business.

Taught by academics from both psychology and business, the Psychology in Business degree offers an intellectually stimulating environment where you will develop critical thinking, independent learning, and transferable skills relevant to careers in coaching, mentoring, occupational psychology, and behaviour change.

Entry Requirements

This course follows the standard University entry requirements. Please see the website for further information.

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.

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.



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Psychology in Business 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.

Introduction to Management and Leadership

This module will cover business functions and organisational structures, leadership and management theories, organisational behaviour, and strategic management.

Business Environments

This module will cover PESTLE and SWOT analysis, micro / macro environments, and legal and ethical frameworks.

Year Two

Explorations in Psychology and Business

You will gain knowledge and awareness of how psychology can be applied to the field of business, covering topics such as aging, health and wellbeing, mental health, and behaviour change interventions.

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.

You will also study Clinical Psychology, exploring the cause(s), progression, and consequences of mental health conditions and how assessment and psychological intervention can reduce distress and enhance psychological well-being.

Year Three

Advanced Studies in Psychology and Business

Year Three covers biopsychology, motivations, and emotions, and students choose two option courses based on their interests within psychology and business. Biological Psychology examines psychological functioning at a biological and cellular level 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.

In Motivation and Emotion, you learn about the principles and processes associated with motivational goals, such as growth mindsets, social-emotional intelligence, and aggression.

All students complete an independent empirical research project, the Dissertation. Here you will explore in-depth an area at the intersection between psychology and business that you are passionate about and you will be supervised by a lecturer in the School of Psychology.

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*).

*Subject to change

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree 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.

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 (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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