Psychology BSc (Hons) Modules

Year one

Professional Skills for Psychologists

Focuses on important academic and professional skills to help students transition to higher education studies and beyond

Core Areas and Research Methods 1

Provides a concise overview of the core paradigms in psychology, namely biological, cognitive and developmental psychology, while embedding quantitative research methods.

Applied Psychology

Introduces students to the main areas of applied psychology from UK, European and international perspectives.

Core Areas and Research Methods 2

Provides a concise overview of the core paradigms in psychology, namely social, personality and intelligence, and international perspectives, while embedding qualitative research methods.

Year two

Mind brain and Behaviour

Builds on the core areas of the BPS guidelines to give students in-depth coverage of topics in biological and cognitive psychology. Practical sessions will enable students to develop their knowledge of more advanced research designs and quantitative research skills.

Psychology and Mental Health

Explores how we define, classify and explain psychological problems.

Psychology Across the Lifespan

Applies the lifespan perspective to studying human development, emphasising the importance of all developmental stages and the interconnectivity between domains of change.

Psychology of Social Problems

Applies psychological theory and research to topics that cover current important debates and issues, directly informed by local, national and global priorities such as DMU's commitment to decolonization and net zero, and the United Nations' Sustainable Developmental Goals.

Personality and Social Psychology

Builds on the core areas of the BPS guidelines to give students in-depth coverage of topics in social psychology and personality and intelligence, and developing a research project on one of these topics.

Year three

The following three modules are compulsory:

Psychology Project

Gives you the opportunity to design and conduct an empirical study showing originality and expertise in methodological and data handling techniques

Conceptual and Historical Issues in Psychology

Students will learn to contrast perspectives within significant conceptual debates in psychology, which are placed within their historical context

Employability Skills and Psychology

You will undertake a period of work experience and consider how psychological theory can be applied in a work environment

Also choose four from the following optional modules:

Criminological and Forensic Psychology

Explores approaches to defining and measuring crime and how psychological theories can be applied to criminal behaviour

Counselling Psychology

Introduces the basic principles of counselling psychology and practice.

Cognitive Neuropsychology

Provides an overview of modern cognitive neuropsychological approaches to dysfunction following head injury and how theory is applied to case histories.

Work Psychology

Helps students to gain a broad knowledge base in work psychology

Psychology of Health and Illness

Build on prior knowledge of social, differential and developmental psychology and applies this to the area of chronic illness.

Wellbeing and Positive Psychology

Introduces the scientific study of optimal human functioning within areas such as happiness, wellbeing, personal strengths, positive emotions, optimism, hope and flow

Psychology of Eating Behaviours

Develops an understanding of human appetite and eating behaviours from a variety of biological and psychological perspectives

Psychology and Education

Gives an overview of various aspects of psychology as applied to education

Cyberpsychology

Covers all aspects of human interaction with technology, with a focus on the impact of cyberspace and the Internet on individual and group behaviour

Perception

Provides an overview of vision research and develops skills to critically evaluate current vision science literature

Clinical Psychology: Theory and Practice

Introduces the theory and practice of clinical psychology

Introduction to Data Science for Psychologist

Introduces basic skills in computer programming and computational data processing, which are essential employability skills in data science and related fields.

Data Science with R

Develops students' research skills relying on three main themes: open science, programming literacy, and science communication.

Human Sexual and Reproductive Behaviours

Provides students with an evidence base to understand certain sexual and reproductive health choices and how to reduce the harms associated with any high-risk behaviours.

Loss, Grief and Bereavement: Cultural, Social, and Therapeutic Perspectives

Enables students to develop understanding of loss, grief and bereavement from theoretical, cultural, social and therapeutic perspectives

Psychology of Addiction

Provides students an opportunity aims to critically explore addiction to licit and illicit substances and is theoretically grounded within a neuropsychosocial approach.

Psychology of Human Rights, Activism and Social Justice

Provides students an opportunity to explore perspectives on local, regional, national, and transnational activism and protest and resistance; together with related issues such as prejudice, discrimination and stigma.

Psychology and Culture: Global Issues and International Perspectives

Provides students with up-to-date knowledge about cross-cultural theories and models as they relate to the study of human behaviour to consider how and why behaviour differs across cultures.

Our extensive range of final year options allow you to tailor your study to specific career pathways. The range of modules available are subject to change and are dependent on student numbers enrolled and could be withdrawn without prior notice due to limited numbers.