



Queen's University
Belfast

SCHOOL OF Psychology

Study Psychology as your undergraduate BSc (Honours) degree with Queen's University Belfast

Entrance Requirements

We accept a wide variety of qualifications from applicants across North America. For information on undergraduate entry requirements, English Language requirements, potential scholarships for international applicants and details of our overseas agents and representatives, please visit:

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What is Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour, so virtually anything related to the behaviour of humans and animals – normal or abnormal, social or personal, adult or child, subjective feelings or overt behaviour – is of interest to psychologists.

Psychology is a science, and students at Queen's University Belfast take some modules in statistics and experimental design, as required by our accrediting body, the British Psychological Society (BPS). Our Psychology degree programme at Queen's has been consistently rated as 'excellent'.

What subjects will I study?

Our students cover a range of psychology topics including:

- Cognitive Psychology
- Conceptual and Historical Issues
- Developmental Psychology
- Experimental Design, Statistics and Research Methods
- Individual Differences
- Psychobiology
- Social Psychology

The syllabus includes laboratory classes, lectures, small group meetings, seminars, independent-study and computer use. A wide range of transferable skills – for example, in careers planning, time management, report writing and communication skills – are integrated throughout the course. We also offer employability classes across all degree programmes with an optional study/work placement in Year 3.

Why study at Queen's?

- Spend your entire undergraduate degree studying a subject that you enjoy
- Complete your degree in only three years which is a saving in both time and money
- Add an international element to your resume





Our undergraduate BSc (Honours) degree in Psychology is a three year course:

Year 1

In Year 1, four core Psychology classes are taken by all Psychology students. These involve lectures, tutorials, statistics classes and practical laboratory work. Students also choose two additional Psychology classes or two classes from other Schools within Queen's University. Topics covered include an introduction to psychology: cognition, perception, development, social and personality psychology, biological psychology, methods and statistics.

• Year 2

In Year 2, students normally take six Psychology classes. These involve a mix of teaching methods as well as working on a group project. Topics covered in Year 2 include: cognition and development, conceptual issues, individual differences, biological psychology and perception.

• Year 3

Year 3 classes allow students a choice of specialised topics to suit their interests and career intentions. Examples of our classes include: psychology of serial killers, psychopharmacology, developmental disorders, educational and clinical psychology. Students also complete a substantial research project resulting in a thesis.

Our Facilities

The School of Psychology has recently undergone a major \$4.2 million US Dollar refurbishment of our research laboratories. Our facilities include:

- A Movement Innovation Laboratory which has an immersive, interactive Virtual Reality system, 22 Qualisys motion capture cameras, a golf simulator and 2 AMTI force platforms.
- A new Postural Control and Ageing Laboratory, with a SMART Balance Master system that provides objective assessment and retraining of the sensory and voluntary control of balance.
- Two equipped brain stimulation laboratories including TMS, TDCS, and EMG devices used to study corticospinal excitability in healthy as well as clinical populations.
- A unique multi-modal communication lab with real-time recording (audio and visual) of human-computer conversation.
- A developmental laboratory that has a separate observation room, embedded video cameras and microphones, a waiting area for parents, and children's toilets/baby changing facilities.
- EEG facilities with a sound-proofed booth have been specially configured for testing children.
- A new eye-tracking laboratory with four different SensoMotoric Instrument eye trackers that vary in terms of speed and application
- Animal laboratories for psychopharmacological research.

Careers

Many Psychology graduates are practitioner psychologists specialising in clinical, educational, health, and occupational psychology. Further study is required for these careers and the School offers professional postgraduate training in clinical and educational psychology. Psychology graduates possess an arguably unique combination of numeracy and communication skills, which make them highly valued by employers in other sectors. Psychology graduates from Queen's have gone onto a wide variety of careers including journalism, human resources, marketing, teaching, social work, accountancy and research.



'Queen's University and the School of Psychology surpassed all my expectations. I was very nervous moving to a different country, being on my own and beginning the next step in my education. All my fears and insecurities were quickly put to rest with the start of orientation week. Before I knew it I was swept into the hustle and bustle of my first year at Queen's. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year in the School of Psychology.

It has been a long time since I have studied something that equally interests me and challenges me. Psychology offers both of these things.'

Jessica Geiger, Undergraduate Psychology Student, California, USA