



Queen's University
Belfast



BSC PSYCHOLOGY (INTERCALATED) 1 YEAR FULL TIME

The Subject

The BSc Intercalated Psychology degree is specifically designed for medical or dental students wishing to extend their experience and qualifications by taking a year out to study Psychology.

Psychology is defined as the scientific study of behaviour and so virtually anything which is related to the behaviour of humans and other animals is potentially relevant to psychology. Psychologists have set themselves the task of describing behaviour scientifically and objectively, and of constructing theories which allow the dazzling variety and complexity of behaviours to be related to underlying principles.

Students complete five modules over the course of an academic year. This degree path would typically be taken after second year.

Entrance Requirements

Applications open to students who have successfully completed two years of a Medicine or Dentistry degree programme and who have been granted permission to intercalate from their current School.

Additional information for international students:

Applicants who are non-EEA nationals must satisfy the UK Border Agency immigration requirements for language for visa purposes.

For more information, please visit:

<http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs>

Why Choose to Intercalate with Psychology at Queens?

We believe that there are a number of benefits to intercalating at the School:

- You will have the opportunity to study a new subject which is complementary to your primary degree and conduct a piece of research that you are passionate about
- You will gain new skills in term of psychological research methods, theory and applications
- You will receive an iBSc (intercalated Bachelors of Science) in one year
- It will give you a competitive advantage in the job market – particularly for those interested in psychiatry, paediatrics, gerontology, oncology or neurology
- A change is as good as a rest! A year studying Psychology can mean returning to your course mentally refreshed and excited to continue with your medical/dentistry training
- You will have opportunities to participate in cutting edge research, supported by state of the art laboratories and equipment which include: a driving simulator; 128 channel EEG systems; a VR system and whole body motion capture; eye movement tracking systems; transcranial magnetic stimulation; and a comprehensive test collection.

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There are two compulsory modules that students must complete, along with three final year options. Below is a list of indicative modules that are available within the School:

Compulsory modules:

- Thesis (full year)
- Psychological research methods for intercalating students

Optional indicative modules:

- Developmental Disorders (Cognitive)
- Psychology of Serial Killers
- Psychopharmacology
- Typical and Atypical Development
- Ageing: Mind, Brain and Behaviour
- Childhood Adversity
- The Visual Brain
- Psychological Approaches to Distress
- Performance Analysis
- Exploring Psychology Issues in Cancer
- The Psychology of Music
- Applied Animal Psychology
- Advanced Topics in Cognitive Development
- Youth and Political Violence: Risk and Resilience Processes

Intercalated Research

Previous research project topics undertaken by intercalating students include: attitudes towards mental disorders; links between bullying and eating disorders; psychology of physical activity and healthy behaviour; effects of pressure situations on hand-eye coordination; and optimising technology for training novel manual skills.



Having had a keen interest in Psychology for years, and considering that I may like to pursue a career in Psychiatry, I jumped at the opportunity to do the BSc Intercalated Psychology degree.

Although it was a completely new way of studying, I felt welcomed and listened to by the staff, from day one.

I took the chance to study some subjects which were quite different to Medicine, but also some that I know will serve me well in the future.

I would highly encourage anyone who is thinking of intercalating in Psychology, to take the leap. I gained so much from my year, not only in new skills and knowledge, but also in life experience and expanded ways of thinking.

Zarah Fleming,
intercalated between 3rd and 4th year Medicine