

# 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, with all our students taking modules in statistics and experimental design, as required by our accrediting body, the British Psychological Society (BPS).

Our Psychology degree programme is very diverse and stimulating, and is consistently rated as 'excellent' by both our students and external examiners.

## COURSE CONTENT

The first two years are spent covering the core syllabus approved by the BPS and include the following topics:

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

A wide range of transferable skills (for example in personal development planning, time management, report writing, and presentation skills) is integrated into the syllabus at all levels.

### Level 1

The equivalent of six psychology modules are normally taken by all students. These involve lectures, seminars, tutorials and practical laboratory work. The modules cover psychological theory, the application of psychology to everyday life and psychological research.

### Level 2

Students take the equivalent of six psychology modules. These involve a mix of lectures, tutorials, practical laboratory work and statistics, and working on a group project.

Students will have the opportunity to do an industrial placement year between stages 2 and 3.

### Level 3

Final year modules allow students a choice of specialised topics to suit their interests and career intentions; see the School website for details. Most students will also undertake a substantial empirical study resulting in a thesis.

### Work placements in final year

We have offered assessed work placements since 2013 and send over 50 students on placement across the public, private and third sectors every year.

### WHY QUEEN'S?

**Research-led Teaching:** research in the School of Psychology has been judged to be 'world-leading' and 'outstanding' by the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF). The results place the School among the UK's top 20 Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience departments in terms of research impact. The impact figures reflect how the School's research knowledge is informing policy makers, developing industry partnerships and ultimately touching on the lives of thousands of individuals.

**Facilities:** the School has specialised facilities for human experimental psychology, movement and perception, individual differences, social psychology, child development and psychophysiology. Undergraduate students use these in their second and final years.



## BSc Honours

Psychology 3 yrs (C800)

### Entrance Requirements

#### A-level:

ABB + GCSE Mathematics grade C.

There are no specific subject requirements at A-level.

#### For students whose first language is not English

An IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each test component or an equivalent acceptable qualification, details of which are available at: [go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs](http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs)

**The Insight Programme: our employability programme and optional work placement module has been commended by BPS and our employers. Students now have the opportunity to extend this to a full year paid placement.\***

\*Depending on the student being able to secure an appropriate placement.

## CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

The BSc Honours in Psychology is accredited as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership, provided the minimum standard of a 2.2 is achieved and the final year thesis is passed.

Psychology graduates possess an arguably unique combination of numeracy and communication skills, which make them highly valued by employers in other sectors. Throughout the three years of the degree, we have embedded employability skills and opportunities which prepare our students for the world of work after graduation.

Our Psychology graduates have gone on to a wide variety of careers including journalism, human resources, teaching, social work, accountancy, and research. Other graduates are practitioner psychologists specialising in Clinical, Educational, Health, Occupational and Sport and Exercise Psychology.

### Further Study

Further study is required for these careers and the School offers professional postgraduate training in clinical and educational psychology; see the School website for further information.



“For anyone considering Psychology at Queen's, I would encourage you wholeheartedly to go for it. The staff, facilities and resources available won't disappoint. The biggest draw for me was the impressive staff. Most professors work on their own research while also teaching and I enjoyed the idea of being taught by world leaders that are active within the field of psychology.”

Jessica Geiger, California, USA

### Entrance requirements

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