WELCOME
TO THE
SCHOOL OF
PSYCHOLOGY
Subject Talk
Overview

• What is Psychology?
• Psychology in Action
• Studying Psychology at QUB
• Looking to the Future…
What is Psychology
“Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and how it dictates and influences our behaviour, from communication and memory to thought and emotion. It's about understanding what makes people tick and how this understanding can help us address many of the problems and issues in society today.” (British Psychological Society, 2021)
Core Areas of Psychology...

- Social Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Individual Differences
- Forensic Psychology
- Research Methods/Statistics
- Developmental Psychology
Did you know…

• Psychology is a science?
• Psychology uses a scientific approach to studying human behaviour.
• A scientific approach means that we state a question (hypothesis), offer a theory in support of this hypothesis, and construct experiments to test this hypothesis.
• Psychologists apply what we have learned through research to understand human behaviour.
Some misconceptions about Psychology

“Psychology is mostly about mental health and how it can be improved”

“There is no mathematics or statistics in Psychology”

“Psychologists only work in either hospitals or schools”

“Psychology is only for females”
Psychology in Action
Where has Psychology been in action around you today?

- You have all experienced the Psychology of Advertising
- You have all experienced the Psychology of Crowds
- You will all experience the Psychology of Making Decisions
Studying Psychology at QUB

"Good psychology should include all the methodological techniques without having loyalty to one method, one idea, one person."

~ABRAHAM MASLOW
Degree Programmes Offered

- Our undergraduate degrees are accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) which provides Graduate Basis for Chartership with the BPS.

1. BSc (Hons) Psychology
2. BSc (Hons) Psychology with Professional Placement
What will you learn in Psychology?
# Undergraduate Programme of Study

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How will you learn about Psychology?
Psychological content is learned through lectures

Research and statistical skills are learned in lab classes

Academic skills are learned in tutorials
What is it like to be a Psychology Student?
Part of an Academic Family
The Psychology Student Experience

• Being a psychology student at Queen’s is more than just a stimulating academic experience, you will be part of our vibrant School Community and develop on a personal and professional level.

As a Psychology Student:

• You will have opportunities to connect and grow with your peers through our School based student experience initiatives

• You will have opportunities to develop those work-based, employability skills required for post graduate employment

• You will be supported every step of the way academically and pastorally by dedicated staff team

• You will be graduating with academic, personal, and professional skills ready to be applied in post graduate studies or employment
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The Psychology Student Experience

Personal/Professional Skills and Employability
Looking to the Future
As a Psychology Graduate…

• There are many different career paths open to you. With an accredited UG degree you will be legible to pursue postgraduate studies to become a professional psychologist in; Clinical Psychology, Educational Psychology, Health Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Sports and Exercise Psychology etc.

• Many of our psychology graduates pursue alternative career routes applying their psychological skills; Teaching, Civil Service, Social Services, Research Agencies, Play Therapists, Counsellors, Social Services etc.
Lean into Psychology!

Keep your learning alive after today, have a look at some resources chosen by our lecturers for you;

• Podcasts -->
Lean into Psychology!

• British Psychological Society Website:
Connect with us…

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Thank you for listening ☺