

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and the mind: you'll study how we think and learn; how we develop and age; how we differ from one another; how we interact, collaborate and sometimes conflict with each other.

You'll consider the extent to which these behaviours are influenced by both nature and nurture, and you'll also explore animal behaviour which reveals the contrasts that make us uniquely human. As you'll see, our Psychology degree is diverse and stimulating. Our graduates are confident, independent achievers who have numerous professional career pathways open to them.

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

In first year you'll get a gentle introduction to Psychological theories in each of the core domains and the application of Psychology in everyday life. We deliver this through a variety of engaging and interactive teaching methods including lectures, small-group tutorials and practical laboratory classes.

- Foundations in Psychology
- Introduction to Methods in Psychology
- Using Psychology in Everyday Life

• Level 2

In second year you'll build a more detailed knowledge of the core domains whilst developing critical and analytical thinking skills. Our subject specialists use a mixture of theoretical and practical

teaching methods to hone the skills required to be a successful graduate.

- Core Psychology I
- Core Psychology II
- Psychological Methods

• Professional Work Placement Year Option

At the end of second year, you'll have the opportunity to enhance your employability and practice your psychological skills within the workplace, by taking a year-long professional work placement, working with one of our many graduate employer partners across the private, public and voluntary sectors.

• Level 3

In final year you'll be able to tailor your Psychology degree according to your own individual interests by choosing from a selection of modules designed to explore current developments across the domains of Psychology; all delivered by our cutting-edge researchers. Note that final year modules change annually and modules listed are intended only to give an idea of the range of topics that might be available.

- Psychology of Serial Killers
- Psychopharmacology
- Psychology General Paper
- Typical and Atypical Literacy Development
- Psychologists at work: Insights into Graduate Employment
- Psychological Research Methods for Intercalating Students
- The Visual Brain
- Exploring Psychological Issues in Cancer



QUEEN'S
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BELFAST

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

- Youth and Political Violence: Risk and Resilience Processes
- Psychology Thesis
- Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Psychology of Gender
- Using Nudges to Change Behaviour
- Psychology Placement Year

For students who don't wish to take a year-long work placement before starting final year, we offer our 'Psychologists at Work' module which places students with one of our many employer-partners to work on a 6-8 week project applying psychology in the workplace.

You'll complete your degree in Psychology by submitting a research project thesis at the end of final year. This independent research is completed under the supervision of our expert academic staff, who will be with you every step of the way on your transition to becoming a graduate Psychologist.

WHY QUEEN'S?

World Class Facilities: We have a range of state of the art specialist equipment and laboratories where our cutting-edge research takes place. As a student, you'll have the opportunity to use many of these facilities during the research projects you'll undertake as part of your degree. For example, we have a brand new animal behaviour research lab, brain stimulation labs, virtual reality and motion-capture technology, eye-tracking devices, a child development observation lab, a postural control and aging lab and a large psychometric test library.

Internationally Renowned Experts: The most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014) placed the School among the UK's top 20 Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience departments in terms of both research intensity and research impact. Our impact reflects how the School's research is informing policy makers, developing industry partnerships and ultimately touching on the lives of thousands of individuals. We're at the forefront of ground breaking research which you'll find embedded throughout our teaching.

Student Experience: You'll feel part of our School community. We are committed to supporting our students with our Transition into Higher Education program which begins in welcome week and continues through our personal tutoring and peer mentor schemes.

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

We offer a range of Diploma and MSc courses and Professional Doctorate Programmes in both Educational Psychology and Clinical Psychology.



“My year of professional placement has had an enormous impact on me and my development. Since starting Aperture, I have improved upon my skills and knowledge that I have learnt not only in my degree but in my previous work also.”

Zoe Robinson, Current student,
One year placement at Aperture

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Course information

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