

MSc Applied Clinical Psychology (THPS-APM30)

Course and Award Details

Course title	MSc Applied Clinical Psychology
Route(s)	MSc Applied Clinical Psychology
Awarding body	University of Bath
Award	Masters Degree not mainly by Research
Award name	Masters - Postgraduate Taught
Course mode of delivery	Part time
Course length	2 years
Entry point	September 2024
Main location of study	University of Bath, Main Campus, Claverton Down
Course-owning school/department	Psychology

Course Description

Course Summary	Gain foundation knowledge in clinical psychology theory and practice
Course Description	<p>As part of this MSc, you will gain an up-to-date knowledge of clinical psychology theory and practice, including research. You will study different ways of understanding mental health problems in adults and children, and share insights into relevant theories and the latest practice models applicable to the UK.</p> <p>You will be introduced to the foundation skills of clinical psychology practice, including interviewing, observation and psychometric assessment.</p> <p>You will also learn about research in healthcare, looking at issues such as research design, governance and ethical considerations before going on to conduct your own piece of research.</p> <p>Studying clinical psychology at Bath means you will be joining our leading Department of Psychology(/departments/department-of-psychology/). The research interests of our members span a broad range of clinically relevant topics, including ageing, common mental health problems, psychosis, autism, eating disorders, persistent physical symptoms, child maltreatment and trauma amongst others.</p> <p>>A student's story Faiza Abdul explores the reasons she chose to study MSc Applied Clinical Psychology at Bath. She talks about her previous experience as an intern with the Department of Mental Health and Behavioural Sciences in India, why the course at Bath stood out to her, and her future plans to pursue a PhD within psychology. Watch Faiza's video(https://vimeo.com/758999013)</p> <p>Learn from experts in the field You'll learn from experts in clinical psychology, as well as staff in the wider Department of Psychology(/departments/department-of-psychology/) community. Their passion, knowledge, experience and research shape their teaching to enhance your learning experience.</p> <p>Use specialist facilities The Department of Psychology is located in a new £30 million building.</p>

You'll be able to use this space for your seminars, group meetings and computer work. The building contains advanced psychology research facilities, including:

- biopsychology suite with two-way mirror(<https://massinteract.com/university-of-bath/31964258p&296.91h&85.92t>)
- crossmodal laboratory including a soundproof room(/360-image/index.html?360=45)
- sensory and pain research suite(<https://massinteract.com/university-of-bath/31964257p&107.79h&83.97t>)
- social and developmental observation labs(/360-image/index.html?360=46), including the Bath Babylab(/research-groups/bath-babylab/)
- virtual reality lab(/360-image/index.html?360=44) with motion sensor cameras
- an electroencephalogram (EEG) scanner
- eye-tracking equipment

As an MSc Applied Clinical Psychology student, you'll have access to an independent workspace in 10 West. This contains PCs and working spaces.

Gain important career skills

This course is intended for psychology graduates interested in careers as practitioners or researchers. It will also appeal to current health service professionals with a degree in psychology or a related discipline, who wish to enhance their skills and knowledge.

We provide comprehensive support for finding and preparing for graduate positions, placements, internships, and varied employment opportunities. This includes CV writing workshops, interview preparation and professional skills training. All of these skills will help to make you more suitable for employers and further postgraduate programmes.

You will leave this course with:

- excellent research skills that can be applied to primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare settings
- foundation knowledge of clinical psychology approaches, theories and models
- a strong foundation for further postgraduate training in clinical psychology or work as an assistant psychologist

Graduate prospects

Studying this course will set you up with the knowledge and professional skills required to move into a range of health service and research careers. It is particularly good preparation for work as an Assistant Psychologist, and a foundation for further postgraduate training or research in clinical psychology.

Recent graduates of this course have gone on to work in a wide variety of roles, including:

- Assistant Psychologist
- Trainee Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner
- Mental Health Support Worker
- Special Educational Needs Teaching Assistant
- Research Assistant

At organisations, such as:

- Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Foundation NHS Trust
- University of the West of England
- Oxfordshire Mind
- Tees, Esk, Wear and Valleys NHS Trust
- Elysium Healthcare

Many graduates have also gone on to become PhD students or to study the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)(/courses/postgraduate-research/dclinpsy-clinical-psychology-full-time/) at different universities, including the University of Bath.

__This course is not professionally accredited and will not provide you with a licence to

practise.__

Contact hours

You are expected to spend approximately 35-40 hours per week studying, with around 8 hours of this being structured classes. This will be made up of a combination of lectures, practical sessions, and tutorials. You will work as an individual and as part of small groups.

Part-time students typically study for approximately 50% of the full-time equivalent. Structured classes will take place in-person on our Bath campus.

Delivery methods

The following list provides an indication of some of the learning and teaching methods used on the course:

- Practical sessions
- Lectures
- Online resources
- Seminars
- Tutorials

Assessment summary

You'll experience a balance of different forms of assessment designed to support your professional development. This will be made up of coursework, which will include essays, reports, portfolios, oral presentations, set exercises and a dissertation.

We can make reasonable adjustments to assessment procedures for students with disabilities. Take a look at our Disability Service's pages(/professional-services/disability-service/) for information.

Assessment methods

The following list provides an indication of some of the assessment methods used on the course:

- Dissertation
- Oral presentations
- Portfolio
- Report
- Set exercises
- Essay

Budgeting statement

You will need to budget at least £100 for the cost of photocopying, printing and binding. You will also need to budget for the cost of textbooks. Some courses involve visits away from campus and you may be required to pay some or all of the costs of travel, accommodation and food and drink. If you're on a placement, you're responsible for your own travel, accommodation and living costs. You should also consider the financial implications if you go on an unpaid or overseas placement.

Additional Costs

There is a one off application fee of £60, payable during the online application process through the online store(<https://store.bath.ac.uk/product-catalogue/postgraduate-deposits-application-fee-payment/faculty-of-humanities-and-social-sciences/departments-of-psychology>).

If you receive an offer, you will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of £500 when you accept to secure your place. This will be deducted from your tuition fee when you register.

Course Assessment Regulations

Applicable Assessment Regulations

Postgraduate Taught Assessment Regulations - <https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/postgraduate-taught-assessment-regulations/>

Exemptions from Regulations

Not specified

Course Progression Requirements

Not specified

Course Structure

Year 1

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	PS00000	Academic integrity training & test	Extra	Foundation (FHEQ level 3)	0	
AY	PS52046	Fundamentals of clinical and health psychology	Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	20	
AY	PS52047	Fundamentals of clinical psychology practice	Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	20	
AY	PS52055	Professional skills development	Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	5	
Additional rules for module selection						
None						

Year 2

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	PS52038	Advanced research methods for applied psychology	Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	15	
DIS	PS52039	Applied clinical psychology dissertation	Part 4 Project/Diss Designated Essential Unit	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	30	
Additional rules for module selection						
None						

Year 3

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
No data found						
Additional rules for module selection						
None						

The availability of optional units is subject to constraints such as staff availability, minimum and maximum group sizes, and timetabling factors, as well as a student's ability to meet any pre-requisite rules.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, you will be able to

	Knowledge and Understanding	Intellectual Skills	Professional and Transferable Skills	Placement	Study Year Abroad
Demonstrate knowledge and a critical understanding of current contributions of clinical psychology in both mental and physical health settings	✓				
Demonstrate knowledge and a critical understanding of the psychological processes involved in the consultation and provision of treatment	✓				
Appreciate how people cope with chronic and acute mental and physical health conditions	✓				
Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of therapeutic alliance and the impact of power imbalance in the context of engaging service users in assessment and treatment	✓				
Locate issues and concerns of clinical psychology in the wider health sciences research context	✓				
Critically review, employ and engage with appropriate literature in the field of clinical psychology		✓			
Demonstrate clarity of thought and quality of argument in clinical psychology theory and application		✓			
Appreciate the uses of qualitative and quantitative		✓			

methods and their application		
Select and justify appropriate research designs and conduct appropriate statistical analysis	✓	
Design, conduct, analyse, interpret and report a research study in clinical psychology and recognise its theoretical, practical and methodological implications and limitations	✓	
Develop knowledge of the governance, ethical and organisational issues of working in a mental health context		✓
Communicate complex information effectively using appropriate written, oral, graphical and electronic means, taking into account a diverse and varied audience		✓

Alternative Courses and Exit Awards

Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit awards

Exit awards:
 Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma
 For further information see <https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/postgraduate-taught-assessment-regulations/>
 For information on possible named exit awards, please contact your Director of Studies

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