

# BSc(Hons) Psychology (UHPS-AFB10)

## Course and Award Details

<b>Course title</b>	BSc(Hons) Psychology
<b>Route(s)</b>	BSc(Hons) Psychology
<b>Awarding body</b>	University of Bath
<b>Award</b>	Undergraduate Degree with Honours
<b>Award name</b>	Bachelor with Honours
<b>Course mode of delivery</b>	Full time
<b>Course length</b>	3 years
<b>Entry point</b>	September 2024
<b>Main location of study</b>	University of Bath, Main Campus, Claverton Down
<b>Course-owning school/department</b>	Psychology

## Course Description

<b>Course Summary</b>	Study across the discipline of psychology with a focus on biological, cognitive, developmental and social aspects, with options including clinical and health.
<b>Course Description</b>	<p>On this degree, which is recognised by the British Psychological Society (BPS), you'll learn about and gain insights into many aspects of psychology.</p> <p>You'll develop a solid understanding across the subject by studying a broad range of advanced topics. You will also learn about how psychology engages with other disciplines, such as management, neuroscience, political science and psychiatry.</p> <p>Year 1 focuses on building your knowledge of the basic concepts, methods and theories of psychology. You'll study biological, cognitive, developmental and social psychology, and their applications. You will learn how to be creative and rigorous in research design and analysis.</p> <p>Year 2 is your chance to advance your knowledge in the core areas of psychology, such as cognitive neuroscience, social psychology and developmental psychology. You'll extend your research methods, skills and project work. You will also select optional units in both semesters.</p> <p>In your final year, you'll complete your dissertation and learn about psychology solutions to real-world challenges. You'll choose from a wide range of optional units related to current research topics and the expertise of academic staff. These often cover areas that aren't always found in other psychology degrees.</p>
<b>Learning and teaching</b>	<p>Informed teaching to advance your learning</p> <p>You'll learn from teaching staff with expertise in different areas of psychology, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- clinical</li><li>- cognitive</li><li>- developmental</li><li>- environmental</li><li>- health</li><li>- neuroscience</li><li>- social</li></ul>

Their passion, knowledge and research inform our teaching to provide you with exposure to a contemporary research environment.

## Contact hours

### Contact hours

Timetabled contact hours, which may be made up of lectures, practical sessions, seminars, tutorials and workshops, vary throughout your course and between courses but are typically between 8 and 10 hours a week in your first year.

Our teaching for this course is delivered through in-person learning on campus, supported by high quality online provision. A small proportion of these contact hours may be delivered online, with the significant majority taught on campus. This may be supplemented by additional activities such as a small number of online learning sessions (not live), skills development sessions, and personal tutorials.

The amount of timetabled sessions on campus in later years may vary based on the options you choose, with a greater emphasis on independent learning. Project and dissertation units will generally have fewer scheduled sessions to allow you time for your independent work - this may also mean the number of hours of timetabled sessions each week will vary within a year.

### Independent learning

In addition to timetabled contact hours, you are expected to undertake independent learning and assessment activities. Typically, this might be around 25 to 32 hours per week in your first year, and include individual research, reading journal articles and books, working on individual and group projects, preparing coursework assignments, presentations, or revising for exams. After your first year, the emphasis on independent learning becomes greater, for example, you may do a final year project in the final year.

## Delivery methods

Lectures  
Practical sessions  
Seminars  
Tutorials  
Workshops

## Assessment summary

You will be assessed by a range of methods designed to develop and test your skills and knowledge.

25% to 50% of your course will be assessed through examinations.

50% to 75% will be assessed through essays, reports, and presentations.

The balance of assessment methods will vary throughout your degree.

In your final year, you will be expected to complete a dissertation.

You will primarily be assessed as an individual but may also be assessed as part of a group.

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

Report  
Examinations  
Presentations  
Essay

## Placement/Study Year Abroad details

We also offer this course with a work placement(/courses/undergraduate-2024/psychology/bsc-psychology-with-work-placement/) in Year 3.

During this, you'll work with professional psychologists and related professionals, to develop invaluable skills and knowledge. You'll find out about the organisation you join and how it works, and learn more about potential future careers.

## Careers and professional development

Develop your professional skills

We work to prepare you for employment and further study.

This includes support from your personal tutor, CV writing workshops, interview preparation, a research apprenticeship scheme, and professional skills training.

These opportunities will help to make you more suitable for employers and postgraduate programmes, as well as placement, apprenticeship, and internship providers.

Prepare for your future

A psychology degree can prepare you for behaviour science, clinical, health, educational, market research, and occupational roles. Psychology degrees are often also valued in communications, management, police work, and social research.

Recent graduate destinations include:

- HM Treasury
- Mind
- NHS
- SEN School
- Unilever

Many professional psychology roles require further specialist training.

### Course accreditation(s)

This course is accredited by and confers eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society.

## Course Assessment Regulations

<b>Applicable Assessment Regulations</b>	Undergraduate assessment regulations - <a href="https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/undergraduate-assessment-regulations/">https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/undergraduate-assessment-regulations/</a>
<b>Exemptions from Regulations</b>	N
<b>Weighting of each Study Year</b>	Stage 1: 0% Stage 2: 32% Final Stage: 68%
<b>Is this Course Standalone or Co-Existent?</b>	SA

## 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	PS12001	Mind, brain and behaviour	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	10	
AY	PS12002	Psychology research methods and design 1	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	20	
AY	PS12003	Controversies in psychology	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	20	
S1	PS12004	Applying psychology	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	5	
S2	PS12005	Psychology of wellbeing	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	5	

## Year 2

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	PS22006	Psychology research methods and design 2	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	25	
AY	PS22007	Cognitive neuroscience	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
AY	PS22008	Social psychology and individual differences	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
S2	PS22009	Developmental psychology	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	5	

**Title** Year 2 Options

**Total credits in this study yr** 10

**Overview of options in this study yr** You will study options totalling 10 credits in Year 2. This will either be made up of one or two units, and may cover topics within psychology, social policy, education or management.

## Year 3

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	PS32012	Psychology solutions to real-world challenges	Part 3 Stage 3 Compulsory	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	10	
AY	PS32010	Psychology dissertation	Part 3 Stage 3 Designated Essential Unit	Honours (FHEQ level 6)	20	

**Title** Final Year Options

**Total credits in this study yr** 30

**Overview of options in this study yr** Your options will total 30 credits. You will be able to select from an extensive range of applied and theoretical psychology topics.

Most optional units in this year are worth 5 credits each. This allows you to select a variety of areas of study and develop a range of skills.

Most of these options are applied with a focus on real-world challenges.

Topics include:

- health psychology
- developmental psychology
- applied psychology
- clinical psychology

In addition to psychology units, there will also be a choice from outside the core subject to give you a broader range of options.

## 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
Understand the scientific underpinnings of psychology as a discipline, its historical origins, development and limitations, with an emphasis on applying psychology to real world problems.	✓				
Demonstrate a systematic knowledge and critical understanding of a range of influences on psychological functioning, how they are conceptualised across the core areas of psychology	✓				

core areas of psychology and how they interrelate.

Demonstrate a systematic knowledge of a range of research paradigms, research methods and measurement techniques, including quantitative and qualitative analysis, and be aware of their limitations.

✓

Demonstrate a detailed and a critical knowledge of several cutting edge and state of the art specialised areas of psychology and their applications.

✓

Reason scientifically, understand the role of evidence and make critical judgements about arguments in psychology.

✓

Adopt multiple perspectives, identify and pose research questions, consider alternative approaches to their solutions, and evaluate outcomes.

✓

Detect meaningful patterns in behaviour and evaluate their significance.

✓

Demonstrate substantial competence in research skills through practical activities.

✓

Design, conduct, analyse, interpret and report on an empirically based research project and recognise its theoretical, practical and methodological implications and limitations.

✓

Be aware of ethical principles and approval procedures and demonstrate these in relation to research and be aware of the ethical context of Psychology as a discipline.

✓

Communicate complex information effectively

✓

using appropriate written, oral, graphical and electronic means, taking into account a diverse and varied audience.

Be sensitive to contextual and interpersonal factors. Graduates will be familiar with the multitude of factors that influence human behaviour and social interaction, which will enable them to develop effective group working skills.



### Alternative Courses and Exit Awards

**Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit awards**

This course has no designated alternative course (DAC).  
Exit awards:  
Diploma of Higher Education  
Certificate of Higher Education