

Graduate Outcomes 2020/21

Full-time UK domiciled first degree graduates - 15 months after Bath

The University of Bath has an excellent record of graduate employment, featuring in the top ten for graduate prospects in three major national league tables*. Across all subjects, 92% of Bath 2020/21 graduates who are employed in the UK are in high skilled employment, compared to 74% nationally#. Hundreds of employers of all sizes and from all industries each year advertise vacancies, deliver presentations or network with our students; we are in the top 15 universities targeted by employers†.

The information shown here is from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) Graduate Outcomes survey for 2020/21 leavers. It is the biggest UK annual social survey and captures the perspectives and current status of recent graduates, 15 months after leaving university.

Studies within Psychology covers a broad-based training in psychology, with a particular focus on cognitive, health, social and clinical psychology. Graduates from these courses develop many skills that make them attractive to prospective employers, including teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, as well as specialist analytical skills such as statistical techniques and in-depth qualitative methods to explain or predict behaviour. They often hold diverse roles in many different sectors such as NHS, education, charity sector and in business.

Courses included:

- Psychology BSc/MSci

Response rate	
Total in 2020/21 cohort	110 [§]
% response rate	79%

[§]Number rounded to the nearest multiple of five

Graduate outcomes by activity

Activity summary	
Employment	61%
Voluntary/unpaid work	-
Employment and further study	14%
Further study	16%
Other: travel, caring, retired	7%
Unemployed [§]	1%
Total	100%

Note: Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. Activity defined using HESA XACTIVITY: takes account of all activities and most important activity.

[§]Unemployed includes those due to start work or study.

*6th in the Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024, 4th in the Complete University Guide 2024, and 4th in the Guardian University Guide 2024

#Compared with [all Universities UK members](#).

†The Graduate Market in 2024, High Fliers Research.

Industries and employers

Psychology career pathways are hugely versatile. Graduates enter a wide variety of sectors and industries such as the NHS, healthcare, education, local and national government, charity and NGO sector. They also go into business, especially within marketing, market and user research, human resources, consulting, finance and communications.

The skills psychology graduates develop include enhanced analytical skills, advanced researching skills, critical thinking and teamwork skills, which can be used in both the public, private and third sectors.

The most frequent of the industry categories are:

- Human health and social work activities
- Education
- Public administration and defence

Examples of employers for the 2020/21 cohort:

- Civil Service
- EY
- NHS
- Ocado Technology
- Teach First

Occupations and job titles

Psychology graduates progress into a variety of different jobs such as assistant psychologists, mental health support workers, trainee psychological wellbeing practitioners, policy advisers, market researchers, teachers, researchers, statisticians, data and HR analysts and consultants.

Psychology graduates often work in various mental health roles at different levels in the NHS, private healthcare and in the charity sector. Some graduates may need a few years of experience in roles not currently included in the 'high skilled' categories. This may lead to some competitive graduate positions or further study within mental health or specialist education.

Psychology at Bath is ranked first for graduate prospects in the Times/The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023.

The vast majority of our UK employed Psychology graduates are in high skilled employment (81%). High skilled employment includes these three categories:

- Managers, directors and senior officials
- Professional occupations
- Associate professional and technical occupations

Examples of job titles for the 2020/21 cohort:

- Assistant Psychologist
- Consultant
- Perinatal Recovery Worker
- Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner
- Research Assistant
- Statistician
- Trainee Clinical Psychologist
- UX Graduate

Further study

Psychology graduates often choose to increase their specialist knowledge in psychologist fields such as health, forensic and clinical psychology through further study.

Examples of institutions for the 2020/21 cohort:

- University College London
- University of Bath

More information

Find out what Bath graduates from other courses do: go.bath.ac.uk/graduate-outcomes.

More information is available about how Careers supports current and prospective students, as well as graduates from Bath: bath.ac.uk/careers.