



"I'VE ENJOYED THE COURSE SO MUCH, THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO THE SUBJECT THAN I COVERED AT A LEVEL."

FARAH NOREEN HUSSAIN
PSYCHOLOGY BSc HONOURS



"I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECRUITED FOR MY CURRENT POSITION WITHOUT THE SKILLS AND EXPERTISE I ACQUIRED AT WESTMINSTER."

LESTER SHARPE
PROJECT MANAGER,
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»» The Department of Psychology is well known for its research and has an outstanding teaching reputation. It was awarded the maximum 24 points in the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) subject review for teaching quality.

»» You will be able to take advantage of the Department's excellent facilities, including laboratories, observation facilities, computer-based teaching laboratories, research cubicles and a workshop and resource centre.

»» You will be able to take part in one of our many exchange schemes with partners in Europe, the USA and Australia, or choose to concentrate on the British dimension. You can also study a language as part of your degree.

For more information about Psychology courses visit the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Languages website at **westminster.ac.uk/sshl**

Other related areas/courses you might be interested in:

• Life Sciences (p114) • Social and Historical Studies (p172)

Cognitive Neuroscience BSc Honours

This exciting and rapidly evolving discipline describes the interdisciplinary approach to understanding the link between mind and brain, examining the nature of thought and its biological basis. It attempts to solve the mysteries of the mind by bringing together evidence from molecular and cellular neuroscience (including psychopharmacology), a wide range of brain imaging techniques, computational modelling, and cognitive neuropsychology (itself a product of experimental psychology and clinical neuropsychology). You will consider all aspects of cognitive functioning, from learning, memory and language through to concepts such as intelligence, creativity and consciousness.

Course content

You will be provided with the necessary grounding in the biological sciences, neuropsychology, and fundamental psychology. You will study core modules from the neurosciences and psychology, alongside options from chosen applied disciplines at Year 3 (Credit Level 6).

The particular skills required for research methods and statistics are covered in depth in Research Methods modules. Developing your knowledge and learning these skills leads to more specialised study and advanced research, including a double project module in Cognitive Neuroscience taken in your final year.

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Subjects of study include: Cell Science • Foundations of Cognitive Neuroscience • Introduction to Cognition, Learning and Personality • Introduction to Social and Developmental Psychology • Research Methods in Psychology (double module)

Year 2 (Credit Level 5)

Subjects of study include: Advanced Neuroscience • Cognitive Psychology • Developmental Psychology • Individual Differences • Psychobiology and Clinical Neuroscience • Research skills for Cognitive Neuroscience • Social Psychology

Work Placement Year

You will have the option of taking an additional work placement year between Year 2 and Year 3 (Credit Levels 5 and 6), subject to availability, where you will gain experience working under supervision in a psychological (or where possible a cognitive neuroscience) setting. If you successfully complete the work placement year you will receive a Certificate in Work-Based Learning in Psychology.

Year 3 (Credit Level 6)

Subjects of study include: Clinical Psychology • Memory and Executive Function • Neuropharmacology of Cognition • Origins of Communication and Language • Project in Cognitive Neuroscience (double module) • Psychophysiology • Studies of Consciousness • The Sensory Brain

At Level 6 there will also be the opportunity to take two options from a wide range of psychology modules, including: Critical Psychology • Forensic Psychology • Psychology and the Internet • Psychology of Sport and Exercise • Psychology of Women

International Foundation course

We work in partnership with Kaplan International College (KIC) London to provide Foundation courses for international students who don't meet our Bachelors degree entry requirements. If you complete your KIC London course at the required level, you are guaranteed progression to study at Westminster on selected Bachelors degrees. See p185, or for more information visit kiclondon.org.uk

Length of course

Three-year, full-time, or four years with work placement

UCAS code

B140

Location

Central London (Regent)

Professional recognition

The course is being submitted to the British Psychological Society so that graduates who achieve at least a Lower Second Class Honours will be eligible for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC). This is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

Teaching and assessment

The course combines lecture, tutorial and practical laboratory elements. You will also be able to access podcasts and Blackboard, our online learning environment. Formal exams are supported by course work assessment.

Associated careers

Careers include clinical psychology, neuropsychology or experimental research, IT roles in industry, or academic research. You can go on to postgraduate research or pursue careers in fields such as law, education, forensics, commerce or marketing.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	BBB, of which two subjects should be in sciences (including maths and psychology).
International Baccalaureate	26 points, including a minimum of 5 in two Higher Level Science subjects.
BTEC National Diploma	DDM in a Science subject

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

The course covers the core areas of psychology and a wide range of optional modules, many of which deal with the application of psychological theory and research. The insights, approaches and research skills gained from the degree will be relevant to many areas of your working life, whether or not you take up a career in psychology.

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Course content

The course is structured to provide you with a strong psychology base right from the start of your studies. At Year 1 (Credit Level 4) you take a range of core psychology modules that introduce you to the main areas and methods of psychological study.

At Year 2 (Credit Level 5) you take core modules that cover areas central to the discipline of psychology, including social, cognitive and developmental psychology and the study of individual differences. Advanced Research Methods further develops your knowledge and skills in both quantitative and qualitative research methods and analysis.

At Year 3 (Credit Level 6) you are offered more choice in the modules you take. In the Research Project you select a research topic of particular interest to you and, working with a supervisor, devise, conduct and report on a research investigation relevant to this topic. The remainder of your study in this year is chosen from a wide range of option modules, allowing you to follow your interests in the field.

Option modules at Year 3 (Credit Level 6) include: Clinical Psychology • Cognitive Disorders and Neuropsychology • Critical Psychology • Forensic Psychology • Health Psychology • Music and the Mind • Occupational Psychology • Psychology and the Internet • Psychology of Counselling • Psychology of Education • Psychology of Prejudice • Psychology of Sport and Exercise • Psychology of Sustainability • Psychology of Women • Psychophysiology • Studies in Consciousness

A module offering Applied Work Experience in Psychology allows you to draw on your understanding of psychological research and theory to inform your work experience in a setting relevant to psychology.

At each of the credit levels you may take a non-psychology module, for example in social sciences, biological sciences or a language module.

Work placement year

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Length of course

Three-year, full-time;
five-year, part-time

UCAS code

C801

Location

Central London (Regent)

Professional recognition

This course is accredited by the British Psychological Society as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership, provided the minimum standard of a Lower Second Class Honours is achieved. This is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

Teaching and assessment

The course combines lectures, seminar-based activities and practical sessions. Assessment combines a range of methods including written assignments, practical reports and presentations as well as exams.

Associated careers

Graduates can use their eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership with the BPS to begin to pursue a career in applied psychology. After further study and training, graduates have taken up careers in business psychology, clinical psychology, counselling psychology, forensic psychology and health psychology. Many use their psychology in related professions including social work, management, human resources, education, market research, and public relations.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	ABB
International Baccalaureate	32 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM in a Science subject

See also standard entry requirements on p206.