
PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELLING



Psychology is a long established and highly successful subject group.

Our courses are recognised by the British Psychological Society as providing the Graduate Basis of Chartered Membership, the first step towards becoming a professional psychologist.



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PSYCHOLOGY

BSc (Hons)

UCAS code: C800 BSc/Psy
Duration: Full-time – Three years
Part-time – Five to seven years
Starting: September
Location: Brentford

ENTRY CRITERIA

200 UCAS tariff points, normally in a minimum of two subject areas, with a percentage of those at GCE A/VCE A level or a BTEC National Diploma. Points generated by GCE AS/VCE AS level and Key Skills qualifications will be considered.

Access: Pass.

Mature students without traditional qualifications will also be considered and decisions made on an individual basis.

All students will be required to demonstrate appropriate levels of literacy and numeracy.

For international equivalences and alternative qualifications see page 169.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist and is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) as conferring eligibility for Graduate Basis of Chartered Membership (GBC), provided a minimum qualification of second class honours is achieved.

The course enables students to gain knowledge in all aspects of psychology and provides the opportunity to meet practising psychologists. It includes a short placement in the final year, during which students will have the opportunity to gain experience analysing the application of psychological understanding in a health, community or research setting.

Level 4 modules include: Learning and Cognition, Social and Developmental Psychology, Research Methods in Psychology, The Work of Psychologists, and the History and Context of Psychology.

Level 5 modules include: Developmental Psychology, Social Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Brain and Behaviour, Individual Differences and Further Research Methods in Psychology.

Students specialise at Level 6 with the choice of four options from a selection of different modules. Students also complete a dissertation (an independent research project) and do a short work placement.

FURTHER STUDY

Accreditation by the British Psychological Society means that graduates who achieve at least second class honours are eligible to progress to postgraduate training in one of the specialist professional areas of psychology, such as clinical, occupation, health, counselling or forensic psychology.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates are extremely attractive to employers because they have such a range of skills and go on to employment in diverse professions across the public and private sectors, including mental health organisations, education and the caring professions. Students also go into management, business and industry.

PSYCHOLOGY WITH COUNSELLING THEORY

BSc (Hons)

UCAS code: C8B9 BSc/PsyWCT
Duration: Full-time – Three years
Part-time – Five to seven years
Starting: September
Location: Brentford

ENTRY CRITERIA

200 UCAS tariff points, which would normally include at least two subject areas. This course particularly welcomes applicants who have a Progression or Advanced Diploma in Society, Health and Development.

Applicants with no formal qualifications will be considered on an individual basis. For international equivalences and alternative qualifications see page 169.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides a full grounding in psychology and encourages students to learn about specialist areas of psychology, including counselling. This course is accredited by the BPS as conferring eligibility for Graduate Basis of Chartered Membership (GBC), provided a minimum qualification of second class honours is achieved. Prospective students should note that further training is needed to practise as a professional counsellor.

At Level 4, students will study the following modules: Learning and Cognition, History and Context of Psychology, Social and Developmental Psychology, Work of Psychologists, and Research Methods in Psychology.

At Level 5, the following modules will be studied: Developmental Psychology, Social Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Individual Differences, Brain and Behaviour, and Further Research Methods in Psychology.

At Level 6, students complete a dissertation (an independent research project) and a short work placement related to an aspect of mental health or counselling. Compulsory modules include Theories of Counselling Psychology, and Psychology of Mental Health.

FURTHER STUDY

The counselling theory element of the course makes it ideal for students wishing to undertake the further training needed to become professional counsellors or therapists. Accreditation of the course by the British Psychological Society means that graduates who achieve at least second class honours are eligible to progress to postgraduate training in one of the specialist professional areas of psychology.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates will have the option of a diverse range of professions, including mental health organisations, education and the caring professions, but also in management, business and industry.

PSYCHOLOGY WITH CRIMINOLOGY

BSc (Hons)

UCAS code:	C8L3 BSc/PWC
Duration:	Full-time – Three years Part-time – Five to seven years
Starting:	September
Location:	Brentford

ENTRY CRITERIA

200 points at A level/VCE 6 unit A level. Points generated by GCE AS/VCE AS level and Key Skills qualifications will also be considered. Access: Pass.

Applicants with no formal qualifications will be considered on an individual basis. Students holding an HND or Foundation degree may join the course no later than Level 5.

For international equivalences and alternative qualifications see page 169.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course gives a full grounding in psychology, and provides insights into areas such as criminal behaviour and the treatment of offenders. This course is accredited by the BPS as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC), provided a minimum qualification of second class honours is achieved. Further training is required to practice as a forensic psychologist, but this course may be attractive to students intending to progress to Masters level training in Forensic Psychology.

At Level 4 students will study the following modules: Learning and Cognition, Social and Developmental Psychology, Research Methods in Psychology, Introduction to Criminology, and Prisons and Probation.

At Level 5 the following modules will be studied: Developmental Psychology, Social Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Theories of Criminal Behaviour, Individual Differences, and Further Research Methods.

At Level 6 students do a dissertation (an independent research project) and a short work placement. Level 6 compulsory modules include: Brain and Behaviour, Psychology of Crime, Sentencing, and Penal Theory.

FURTHER STUDY

The criminological element of the course makes it ideal for students wishing to undertake the further training needed to work as psychologists in the prison, police or forensic services.

Accreditation of the course by the British Psychological Society means that graduates who achieve at least second class honours are eligible to progress to postgraduate training in one of the specialist professional areas of psychology, such as MSc Forensic Psychology.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of this course go on to employment in diverse professions across the public and private sectors and postgraduate training in forensic psychology. Employment opportunities include voluntary sector organisations (eg NACRO), Clinical Psychologists, Local Government professions, Police Force, Prison Service, and Probation Office training.

PSYCHOLOGY WITH FOUNDATION YEAR

BSc (Hons)

UCAS code:	C801 BSc/Psyf
Duration:	Full-time – Four years
Starting:	September
Location:	Brentford

ENTRY CRITERIA

120 UCAS tariff points, which would normally include at least two subject areas plus GCSE English and Maths or equivalent.

This course particularly welcomes applicants with a Progression or Advanced Diploma in Society Health and Development.

Applicants with no formal qualifications will be considered on an individual basis.

For international equivalences and alternative qualifications see page 169.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist and is awaiting accreditation by the British Psychological Society (BPS) as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC), provided a minimum qualification of second class honours is achieved.

The foundation year introduces students to aspects of psychology and basic research methods, to prepare them for the challenges of the degree course. The course enables students to gain knowledge in all aspects of psychology and the opportunity to meet practising psychologists.

Level 4 modules include: Learning and Cognition, Social and Developmental Psychology, Research Methods in Psychology, The Work of Psychologists, and the History and Context of Psychology.

Level 5 modules include: Developmental Psychology, Social Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Brain and Behaviour, Individual Differences, and Further Research Methods in Psychology.

Students specialise at Level 6 with the choice of four options from a selection of different modules. Students also complete a dissertation (an independent research project) and do a short work placement.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates are extremely attractive to employers because they have such a range of skills and go on to employment in diverse professions across the public and private sectors, including mental health organisations, education and the caring professions. Students also go into management, business and industry.

PSYCHOLOGY WITH HEALTH

BSc (Hons)

UCAS code: C8BX BSc/PWH
Duration: Full-time – Three years
Part-time – Five to seven years
Starting: September
Location: Brentford

ENTRY CRITERIA

200 points at A level/VCE 6 unit A level. Points generated by GCE AS/VCE AS level and Key Skills qualifications will also be considered. Access: Pass

Applicants holding an HND or Foundation Degree may join the course no later than Level 5.

Applicants with no formal qualifications will be considered on an individual basis.

For international equivalences and alternative qualifications see page 169.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides a full grounding in psychology and enables students to explore the application of psychology to health and illness. The course is accredited by the BPS as conferring eligibility for Graduate Basis of Chartered Membership (GBC), provided a minimum qualification of second class honours is achieved.

This course may be attractive to students intending to progress to Masters level training in health psychology. Further training would be required to practise as a health psychologist.

At Level 4, the following modules will be studied: Learning and Cognition, Social and Developmental Psychology, Work of Psychologists, Contemporary Health Issues, and Research Methods in Psychology.

At Level 5, the following modules will be studied: Developmental Psychology, Social Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Brain and Behaviour, Individual Differences, and Further Research Methods.

At Level 6 students will write a dissertation based on a major piece of research on a topic related to health psychology. Students will study the following core modules: Health Psychology, and Social Psychology as applied to Health and Healthcare.

FURTHER STUDY

The emphasis on health makes this course ideal for students wishing to work as psychologists in the health sector. Graduates with a second class honours degree are eligible to progress to postgraduate training in one of the specialist professional areas of psychology, for example MSc Health Psychology.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Psychology graduates are extremely attractive to employers because they have such a range of skills and go on to employment in diverse professions across the public and private sectors, including management positions in the NHS, voluntary sector organisations, health and safety, health promotion, and public health.

PSYCHOLOGY FOR GRADUATES

Certificate

UCAS code: Direct application
Duration: Full-time – One semester (13-15 weeks)
Part-time – Two semesters
Starting: September
Location: Brentford

ENTRY CRITERIA

Applicants must have a degree in a subject other than Psychology (not a Pass degree).

The course is available to home and EU Students only.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is a route for students who wish to take The Diploma in Psychology for Graduates but who do not have any previous psychology credits.

The course offers a fast route for graduates wishing to gain eligibility for Graduate Membership of the British Psychological Society (BPS) and the Graduate Basis of Chartered Membership (GBC). The latter is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

To complete The Certificate in Psychology for Graduates and meet the criteria for entry onto the Diploma, students must obtain 60 credits at Level 4 by taking two modules.

Students must take the Research Foundation Course module. In addition, students must take one of the following modules:

- Learning and Cognition
- Social and Developmental Psychology.

FURTHER STUDY

Following successful completion of this course, students can progress onto The Diploma in Psychology for Graduates. Former graduates of psychology have gone on to do a Masters or a Doctorate degree.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A wide selection of occupations will be open to students when they graduate. Former graduates of psychology have gone into fields as diverse as occupational psychology, health and social welfare, teaching and lecturing, administration, research, computer analysis, investment banking, and the probation service.

PSYCHOLOGY FOR GRADUATES

Diploma

UCAS code:	Direct application
Duration:	Full-time – One year Part-time – Two years
Starting:	September and February
Location:	Brentford

ENTRY CRITERIA

Applicants must have one of the following:

- an Honours degree in psychology, which has not been accredited by the British psychological Society (BPS)
- an Ordinary degree in psychology (not a Pass degree)
- a degree in a subject other than psychology (not a Pass degree).

In addition to the above, all applicants must demonstrate that they have covered the equivalent of at least 60 credits (half an academic year) of psychology on an Honours degree, or equivalent credits. 40 of these credits should be in research or statistics. Students who do not have the necessary 60 credits may be able to gain them by taking a preparatory course, such as The Certificate in Psychology for Graduates.

For international equivalences and alternative qualifications see page 169.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) and offers a fast route for graduates wishing to gain eligibility for Graduate Membership of the British Psychological Society and the Graduate Basis of Chartered Membership (GBC), provided the minimum standard of equivalent second class honours is achieved. This is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

Students will study the following modules: Social Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Individual Differences, Cognitive Psychology, Brain and Behaviour, Further Research Methods in Psychology, and a project.

For suitably qualified candidates, Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) may be granted for any of the modules specified above. The maximum APL allowed is 50% of the course, or four modules. However, every student should conduct and submit a research project. APL will continue to be awarded but all students undertaking The Diploma in Psychology for Graduates will need to gain 160 credits on the designated course to be eligible for Graduate basis of Chartered Membership (GBC).

FURTHER STUDY

The majority of students progress to postgraduate training in psychology, including MSc Health Psychology, and Research degrees (MPhil/PhD).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A wide selection of occupations is open to students. Graduates from this course can also apply for posts within the research and the probation service.



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