# C803: Behavioural Science

**Undergraduate BSc 2020**

## Essentials

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### Alternative qualifications

- Other UK qualifications [www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/UKequivalencies2017-18.pdf](www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/UKequivalencies2017-18.pdf)
- International qualifications [www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/](www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/)

### Contextual Offers

You may be eligible for an offer which is one or two grades lower than our standard entry requirements. Find out more [www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/](www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/).

### More information

Still have questions? [www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/](www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/)

### Department(s) Website

[www.durham.ac.uk/psychology](www.durham.ac.uk/psychology)
Course Summary

Description

The BSc (Hons) in Behavioural Science combines a broad-based, BPS accredited education in psychology with a specialisation in cutting-edge behavioural science. Behavioural Science is a relatively new discipline that focuses on the application of psychological principles to challenges faced by organisations in the public, private and third sector.

While Psychology puts an emphasis on internal mental processes that underlie behaviour, Behavioural Science emphasises behavioural outcomes, and the design and evaluation of interventions to encourage behaviour change.

As a student enrolled on the BSc (Hons) in Behavioural Science you will be taught state-of-the-art research methods, along with classic and cutting-edge theory and research in psychology, following the BPS guidelines. You will also learn how to apply this knowledge to provide novel and transformative insights for business, management, and public policy. Over the course of the degree, you will be taught by academics who publish at the forefront of their fields and who are also actively engaged in providing behavioural science consultancy, helping organisations to apply behavioural science principles and influencing public policy. As such, the degree combines cutting edge research with practical illustrations from the instructors’ own experience, supplemented by talks and seminars led by invited speakers from different sectors.

The degree incorporates a range of modules that will allow you to graduate with a deep and comprehensive understanding of the field of psychology, but you will also develop additional insights into the application of psychological science in the behavioural arena. The degree provides opportunities for the development of transferable skills, supplementing the opportunities afforded by Durham University colleges and the wider student experience. You will take modules to the value of 120 credits each year.

Year 1

In the first year, you will take three core modules in Psychology:

- Introduction to Psychology 1: Cognitive and Biological Psychology (20 credits)
- Introduction to Psychology 2: Developmental and Social Psychology (20 credits)
- Introduction to Psychological Research (40 credits).

In addition, you will take the following compulsory tutorial-based module:

- Classic Papers: A Tutorial Introduction to Psychological Science (20 credits).

The above compulsory Psychology modules count for 100 of your 120 credits (three single modules, plus the double module), so in addition, you may choose:

- A module to the value of 20 credits from another University department (including modules from the University’s Centre for Foreign Language Study).
For modules taken from another University department, you must meet their entry requirements and must be able to timetable your additional subjects to fit in with your compulsory modules.

Year 2

In the second year, you will build upon your first year and complete 120 credits of compulsory modules:

- Modules in the core areas of Psychology: Abnormal Psychology, Biological, Cognitive, Developmental, Individual Differences, and Social Psychology (6 x 10 credits)
- A tutorial-based module on Contemporary & Conceptual Issues in Behavioural Science (20 credits)
- Research Methods in Psychology (20 credits)
- Statistics for Psychology (20 credits).

Year 3

In your final year, you will take modules to the value of 40 credits covering selected topics in Behavioural Science. You will also take modules to the value of 40 credits covering different areas in Psychology. Alternatively, you may choose modules up to the value of 20 credits from a list of Psychology modules plus modules up to the value of 20 credits from another board of studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University’s Centre for Foreign Language Study).

In addition to your chosen modules to the value of 80 credits, you will carry out and write up your own Research Project (Behavioural Science Dissertation), supervised by a member of staff. The range of possible topics is very wide and research can take place in settings such as schools or private sector organisations, as well as in research laboratories in the Department of Psychology. The Dissertation is a core double module (40 credits).

The following provides a list of potential Behavioural Science options. The list is for illustrative purposes only; the precise choice of modules may vary year-on-year:

- Business and Economic Psychology
- Behaviour Change
- Professional Skills Development
- Evaluating Evidence.

The list of final-year Psychology option modules can also vary from year to year, but has included in the past:

- Learning and Animal Cognition (20 credits)
- Social Perception (20 credits)
- The Visual Brain (20 credits)
- Clinical Cognitive Neuroscience (20 credits)
- Psychology into Schools (20 credits)
- Psychology in the Workplace (20 credits)
- Psychopathy (10 credits)
- Forensic Psychology (10 credits)
- Psychological Practice (10 credits)
- Psychology and Health Promotion (10 credits)
- The Psychology of Illness (10 credits)
- Sport and Exercise Psychology (10 credits)
- Reward and Addiction (10 credits)
- Mind, Brain and Consciousness (10 credits)
- Vision and Visual Neuroscience (10 credits)
- Neuropsychology of Amnesia (10 credits)
- Cognitive Neuropsychology (10 credits)
- Child Health in a Social Context (10 credits)
- Fetal Development (10 credits)
- The Multisensory Body (10 credits)
- Human Evolutionary Psychology (10 credits)
- Atypical Development (10 credits)
- Cognitive Development (10 credits).

To find out more about the modules available to students please click here (www.dur.ac.uk/resources/faculty.handbook/degrees/frameworks/c800.pdf).

Please note: Current modules are indicative. Information for future academic years may change, for example, due to developments in the relevant academic field, or in light of student feedback.

Placement Year

You may be able to take a work placement. Find out more (www.durham.ac.uk/placements/).
Admissions Process

Subject requirements, level and grade

Grade 5 (or grade B) or above in Mathematics at GCSE (or equivalent) is required.

A level offer – AAA.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD.

IB Diploma score – 37 with 666 in higher level subjects.

In addition to satisfying the University’s general entry requirements, please note:

- We welcome applications from individuals with other qualifications equivalent to our standard entry requirements and from mature students with non-standard qualifications or who may have had a break in their study.
- If you do not satisfy our general entry requirements, the Foundation Programme (www.dur.ac.uk/foundation.programme/) offers multidisciplinary degrees to prepare you for a range of specified degree courses.
- If you are an international student who does not meet the requirements for direct entry to this degree, you may be eligible to take an International Foundation Year pathway programme at the Durham University International Study Centre (www.durhamisc.com/?ch=uniweb&cc=signposting&cid=uniweb&utm_source=signposting&utm_medium=signposting&utm_campaign=uni).
- We accept applications for deferred entry.

English Language requirements

Please check requirements for your subject and level of study (www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/).

How to apply

www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply

Information relevant to your country

www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/
Fees and Funding

Full Time Fees

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The tuition fees shown for home and EU students are for one complete academic year of full time study and are set according to the academic year of entry. Fees for subsequent years of your course may rise in line with an inflationary uplift as determined by the government.

The tuition fees shown for overseas students are for one complete academic year of full time study, are set according to the academic year of entry, and remain the same throughout the duration of the programme for that cohort (unless otherwise stated).

Please also check costs for colleges and accommodation (www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/).

Scholarships and funding

www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance
Career Opportunities

Psychology

We are committed to helping you prepare for life beyond university. You will enter the workplace with knowledge relevant to careers in Psychology, plus great analytical and problem-solving skills, that are in demand from a wide range of professions.

Careers

Many of our graduates go on to successful careers both inside and outside of Psychology. Our graduates have gone on to enjoy opportunities in further education with a PhD or Masters degree in Psychology, and have careers in areas such as Clinical Psychology, Human Resources, Law (via conversion course), Marketing Analysis, Speech & Language Therapy (via conversion course) and Teaching (PGCE Primary or Secondary).
BPS Accreditation

A 2.1 or 1st class degree from Durham is accredited by the British Psychological Society as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership, which is the first step in your career as a psychologist.

Careers support

From your first week at university, until after you leave, we will support you to find the right career. We offer:

- An academic advisor, who will stay with you across your 3-year degree and help you consider careers options, and provide references for you.
- The Durham Award, created to reward skill development in a way that is recognised by employers.
- A Psychology Employability Retreat: During these dedicated few days, usually held in some of the beautiful countryside around Durham, staff help students with career planning and CVs in small-group and one-to-one settings. This experience is highly rated by our students and aims to help each student find the right path for them.
- The Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre (www.dur.ac.uk/careers/) is also available to help you find suitable vacancies. The team organise talks from professionals such as Educational, Clinical and Forensic Psychologists, and are there to develop your employability skills through workshops on CVs, applications, interviews, commercial awareness, and leadership. You can continue to use this fantastic service in the year after you graduate.
- There will also be a number of graduate careers fairs attended by a wide range of recruiters.
Open days and visits

Pre-application open day

Pre-application open days are the best way to discover all you need to know about Durham University. With representatives from all relevant academic and support service departments, and opportunities to explore college options, the open days provide our prospective undergraduates with the full experience of Durham University.

Please see the following page for further details and information on how to book a place:
www.durham.ac.uk/opendays

Discover Durham Tours

Discover Durham tours offer a brief introduction to the University. The tour begins at one of our undergraduate colleges, where you will receive an introductory talk from a member of college staff, followed by a tour of the college by current students.

www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/visit/discoverdurham

Overseas Visit Schedule

www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus
Department Information

Psychology

Overview

Durham is one of the leading Psychology departments in the UK. You will receive a genuinely research-led education. As well as learning the core principles of Psychology, you will participate in research through seminars, conferences and research assistantship schemes. You will also have access to our world-leading clinical and experimental facilities, including motion capture, eye tracking and biophysical recording laboratories. At Durham University, you are part of a community that strives to push boundaries and works at the frontiers to improve lives; a community that is open and friendly and values diversity. You will take part in our research and innovation activities through your course and through extracurricular activities.

Psychology

In a Psychology degree at Durham, you will examine all aspects of behaviour, by investigating the processes underpinning the thoughts, feelings and motivations behind our actions. Our degree is accredited as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the British Psychological Society. This will allow you to qualify as a professional psychologist. However, the degree also provides you with an excellent variety of skills and abilities that are transferable to a diverse array of professions.

Behavioural Science

As a student at Durham University, you are not only joining one of the leading Psychology departments in the UK (and graduating with a BPS-accredited degree), but a top ranking institution that is committed to being a centre of excellence in quantitative social psychology. Applications of this field to challenges faced by organisations and government have become increasingly popular in recent years. Our Behavioural Science degree gives you a deep understanding of the field of psychology, combined with extensive insights into the application of psychological science in the behavioural arena.

Rankings

- Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) Gold award
- 5th in the Complete University Guide 2019
- 6th in the Guardian University Guide 2019
- Top 100 in the QS World University Ranking 2019

Staff

For a current list of staff, please see the Psychology Department web pages (www.dur.ac.uk/psychology/staff/)

Facilities

Our extensive suite of research tools allows us to take advantage of such techniques as functional brain imaging (fMRI), electroencephalography (EEG), eye-tracking, immersive virtual reality (VR), motion capture,
transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), and physiological monitoring. Along with this, we have a wide variety of laboratory space, data analysis and experimental software licences, and our work is supported by a team of dedicated technicians. Our teaching laboratories are well-stocked with networked IT equipment, and our departmental facilities are located close to other departments on campus, the University Libraries and the Computer Centre. We use IT systems such as email and web-based databases and discussion boards as a matter of routine and all first-year students are introduced to these systems. You will also have access to the campus computer network.

We are a friendly community of staff and students working in purpose-built modern buildings. Students have their own common rooms, which allow them to spend time and socialise with other members of their course. We encourage our students on different degrees to mingle through departmental events, talks and seminars.

Website

www.durham.ac.uk/psychology