

C800: Psychology



Undergraduate BSc 2021

Essentials

Please note: 2020-21 courses may be affected by Covid-19 and are therefore subject to change due to the ongoing impact of Covid-19. Summaries of course-specific changes resulting from the impact of Covid-19 will be provided to applicants during August 2020.

For the latest information on our plans for teaching in academic year 2020/21 in light of Covid-19, please see www.durham.ac.uk/coronavirus

UCAS code	C800
Degree	BSc
Mode of study	Full Time
Duration	3 years
Location	Durham City (www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city)
A-Level	AAA
BTEC	DDD
International Baccalaureate	37
Alternative qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other UK qualifications (www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/UK.pdf) • EU qualifications (www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/EU.pdf) • International qualifications (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/).
More information	Still have questions? (www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/)
Department(s) Website	www.durham.ac.uk/psychology

Course Summary

Description

Durham's Psychology Department is a department with excellence in both research and teaching. This research strength extends across the wide variety of academic interests of the Department's staff, from child health and development, perception, cognitive and behavioural neuroscience to the evolutionary basis of behaviour. The wide range and quality of the research interests of the staff in the Department allows us to offer a broad range of final-year option courses. Our breadth of research strength means that you are guaranteed to be taught by some of the leading figures in their field of research. Furthermore, as an expanding department, we expect that the range of opportunities for students will grow over the coming years.

Our BSc (Hons) course in Psychology follows the British Psychological Society (BPS) guidelines with an extensive range of options in the final year, drawing both from work in fundamental scientific research and in applied psychology. These final year modules include topics in social psychology, developmental psychology, cognition and behavioural neuroscience, as well as neurorehabilitation, education, and health.

Excellent research facilities are available, including a virtual reality suite, developmental testing facilities, and EEG labs. You are encouraged to get involved in experiments being carried out by your lecturers, thus gaining a deeper and more hands-on understanding of the issues you are learning about in your degree, and adding to your contextual experience.

Psychology is essentially concerned with understanding the mind and behaviour in humans and non-human animals, and it is closely related to a wide range of other disciplines, including biology, anthropology, philosophy, and education. You will get the chance to study people in terms of their internal mental processes, the biological mechanisms that underlie their behaviour, and the social and developmental context in which they act. The degree provides the opportunity for the development of extensive subject-specific and transferable skills.

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 (including modules from other departments and 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 Psychology 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 Issues in Psychology (20 credits)
- Research Methods in Psychology (20 credits)
- Statistics for Psychology (20 credits).

Year 3

In your final year, you may choose to take modules to the value of up to 80 credits in Psychology. Alternatively, you may choose 60 credits in Psychology and modules up to the value of 20 credits from another department (including Modern Foreign Languages). In Psychology, we offer a range of 10 and 20 credit modules. The final-year Psychology modules are on specialist topics and include lectures, workshops, practical work and continuous assessment. In addition to your chosen modules to the value of 80 credits, you will carry out and write up your own Research Project (Psychology 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 hospitals, as well as in research laboratories in the Department of Psychology. The Dissertation is a core double module (40 credits).

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

- Learning and Animal Cognition (20 credits)
- Social Perception (20 credits)
- Clinical Cognitive Neuropsychology (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).

We review course structures and core content (in light of e.g. external and student feedback) every year, and will publish finalised core requirements for 2021 entry from September 2020.

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=uniweb).
- We accept applications for deferred entry.

Science A levels

Applicants taking Science A levels that include a practical component will be required to take and pass this as a condition of entry. This applies only to applicants sitting A levels with an English examination board.

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

EU Student	£27,350.00 per year
Home Student	£9,250.00 per year
Island Student	£9,250.00 per year
International non-EU Student	£27,350.00 per year

The tuition fees shown for **home** 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 and EU** 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

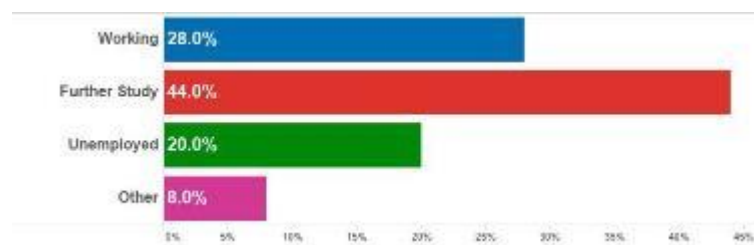
www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance

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

- We are proud to hold an Athena SWAN silver award, underlining our commitment to equality and diversity.
- World Top 100 in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2020*.

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

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