

- **Overview**

Our BSc (Hons) Psychology degree gives you a 100% online and part-time way to discover the fascinating world of psychology. Developed and led by Chartered Psychologists, this recognised qualification prepares students for a wide range of careers and opportunities.

Modules are diverse, covering topics such as forensic and investigative psychology, education psychology, the psychology of sport and exercise, and critical social psychology. Students also have the opportunity to write a 30-credit final project on a psychology topic of interest.

BSc (Hons) Psychology students will possess detailed knowledge of several specialised areas and applications of psychology, have an understanding of the scientific and theoretical underpinnings of the discipline and will recognise the variability and diversity of psychological functioning and its significance.

Graduates looking to improve their career will also develop a number of transferable skills including critical-thinking, communication, evidence-based reasoning, investigative abilities, data analysis and many more.

- **Course structure**

The BSc Psychology is made up of the following modules and, upon completion, is equal to a total of 360 credits.

- **Level 4 modules:**

Fundamentals of Effective Learning in Psychology (15 credits) *
Introduction to Social Psychology (15 credits) *
Introduction to Cognitive Psychology (15 credits) *
Personality and Intelligence (15 credits) *
Introduction to Research Methods (30 credits) *
The Psychology of Attitudes (15 credits) *
Mental Health, Stress and Well-being (15 credits) *

- **Level 5 modules:**

Biological Psychology (15 credits) *
Advanced Cognitive Psychology (15 credits) *
Psychological Development through the lifespan (15 credits) *
Individual Differences, Emotions and Behavior (15 credits) *
Reasoning and Decision-Making (15 credits) *
Quantitative Psychology (15 credits) *
Optional module from the 'Level 5 optional modules' list below (15 credits)
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- **Level 6 modules:**

Critical Social Psychology (15 credits)
Developmental Science (15 credits)
Occupational Psychology (15 credits)
Investigative Psychology (15 credits)
Psychology of Sport & Exercise (15 credits)
Clinical & Counselling Psychology (15 credits)
Final Psychology Project (30 credits) *

- **Optional modules:**

Once chosen, the optional module will become compulsory for the purposes of the rules of assessment.

- **Level 5 optional modules:**

Forensic Psychology (15 credits)
Health Psychology (15 credits)
Educational Psychology (15 credits)

- **Course Duration:** 48 Months
- **Mode:** Online

Entry requirements

1. Academic Entry Route

In order to satisfy the Academic Entry Route requirements for the BSc (Hons) Psychology degree you must have the following qualifications as a minimum:

- Two A-levels, or equivalent; plus
- If English is not your first language, IELTS (Academic) 6.0 or equivalent.
- If you do not hold an IELTS or equivalent qualification, we require students to pass a free online English test.
- You don't need to prove your knowledge of English if you're a national of, or if you have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree in, any of these countries.

***You are required to pass your initial assignment set during the first 21 days of the course in order to continue with your studies**

2. Work Experience Entry Route

To apply for the BSc (Hons) Psychology degree via our Work Experience Entry Route you must meet the following criteria:

- GCSE Maths and English at grade C or above, or equivalent;
- Three years' relevant work experience; plus
- If English is not your first language, IELTS (Academic) 6.0 or equivalent.
- If you do not hold an IELTS or equivalent qualification, we require students to pass a free online English test.

- **Assessment**

We adopt an assignment-based approach to assessment instead of exams.

You are always aware of your current provisional grade right from the start of the programme, allowing you to evaluate the success of your current study methods and clearly identify areas to improve.

We believe that this transparency gives you the information you need to make the most of your course. We achieve this by:

- showing your marks clearly in your gradebook, which can be viewed whenever you log onto the learning platform
- the rapid turnaround of work assessed to ensure that your gradebook is always up to date
- assessing your work throughout the module rather than waiting for end of year exams
- ensuring you have regular contact with your Student Adviser
- the simplicity and transparency in the design of our assessment criteria

We also have a policy of ensuring that work submitted by students is authentic. As well as the fact that all work is frequently assessed, we use a well-established electronic monitoring system to check for plagiarism.

On successful completion of your BSc (Hons) Psychology, you will be invited to attend a graduation ceremony at the University of Essex, Colchester Campus.