

Psychology

Postgraduate Diploma/MSc (Online)



Online

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Essential Information

Location

Online learning

Duration

Up to three years part-time

Start dates

September or May

Entry requirements

An undergraduate degree (2:2 or above) and 60 credits in Psychology. Your existing qualifications must include at least 60 credits in Psychology. If not, you may be eligible to take the University Certificate in Psychology first. This can also be studied online at Derby and usually takes one year to complete. You'll also normally require one of the following English language qualifications: GCE O-level English Language C GCSE English C

Entry requirements for EU/International students

As above (or the equivalent international qualifications). If your first language is not English, you'll need an appropriate English language qualification such as IELTS 7.0 or higher.

Suitable for applicants from



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The course aims to

- Enable you to obtain Graduate Basis for Chartership (GBC) with the British Psychological Society (BPS).
- Develop your knowledge and critical understanding of a range of influences on psychological functioning and how they are conceptualised across the core areas in psychology.
- Enable you to understand the ethical standards and guidelines of the British Psychological Society.

About the course

This conversion course is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS), so you can be sure of the quality of its content and teaching. You can gain Graduate Basis for Chartership with the BPS by completing the six modules in the Postgraduate Diploma, or if you intend to go on to a career in research or want a competitive edge for your next step, you may wish to complete the additional 60 credit MSc stage.

If you want to change your career to become a psychologist, this course is ideal. You'll focus on the scientific basis of psychology as a discipline, and its historical origins and development. You'll cover a broad range of areas within psychology including: biological psychology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, personality and individual differences and social psychology, to gain a good understanding of the scope and scale of the subject and develop a rounded knowledge of the disciplines within it.

Throughout the course you'll need to demonstrate a detailed, contemporary knowledge of research within the core areas of psychology, research methodology, measurement techniques and statistical analysis.

Successful completion of the course will allow you to develop a broad range of psychological and research skills, allowing you to confidently undertake empirical study and research in your chosen area of interest.

Whatever degree you have already, you'll have the opportunity to obtain Graduate Basis for Chartership with the British Psychological Society, enabling you to work towards further qualifications to become a practising psychologist.

Our online tutors have both practical and research experience in psychology while being specialists in online learning, ensuring you have a valuable and stimulating learning experience. In addition, you'll also benefit from support and guidance from a personal online learner advisor who will remain a key contact throughout the course for all non-academic issues.

Online learning gives you the flexibility to study alongside your career in a structured and supported environment, without the need to attend any lectures on campus. All of your learning resources are available via a bespoke learning portal and virtual learning environment (VLE), allowing you to choose the best time and place to study whether at home, in the office or on the move.

Assessment is through coursework and assignments and you'll have the opportunity to engage with fellow students and your dedicated online tutors through a range of interactive tools such as blogs, café forums, online discussion boards, Skype, wikis and live taught sessions online.

Course content

Online Induction

This compulsory module has no credits but has been designed to give you an introduction to studying online at the appropriate level to complete the course. It will provide you with access to an online learning environment where you can become proficient in the skills required for online study, and incorporates key pieces of information from the psychology programme handbook, programme specification and the coursework guidelines. It is a core, no credit, standalone module that runs over two weeks.

Accreditation



Postgraduate Certificate

You'll choose from these core modules:

Investigation and Analysis

This module covers research design, ethical practice in research, and qualitative and quantitative approaches to research. You'll evaluate research and develop the ability to conduct appropriate analyses to address research questions about human behaviour.

Biological Bases of Behaviour

This module introduces the relationship between brain function and behaviour, critically examining the biological bases of a range of behaviours. You'll consider how research in biological psychology can contribute to an understanding of cognitive function and health and illness. You'll be introduced to key areas such as psychopharmacology and the brain and study the application of biological psychological theory to real world scenarios.

Cognition, Behaviour and Performance

Cognition is concerned with the empirical study of mental processes including: memory, perception, communication, problem-solving, and thinking, and how these in turn influence human performance in the real world. The purpose of this module is to provide you with a critical understanding of research methods, theory, and empirical findings for key topics in cognitive psychology and to develop your knowledge of their impact on human performance.

Individual Differences

Your understanding of theoretical knowledge of individual differences, personality, and intelligence is important. This module critically examines the process of identifying particular traits and characteristics within individuals alongside their application in explaining and predicting behaviour.

Social and Developmental Psychology

You'll develop a critical understanding of psychological concepts, theories, and methods relevant to the study of social and developmental psychology. The module will explore specific topics including social cognition, inter-group processes, small group processes, social influence, attribution,

social development, childhood, adolescence and lifespan development, attachment, and cognitive and language development.

Postgraduate Diploma

You'll study all of the core modules, plus:

Research Project

You'll need to complete this module if you wish to gain a Postgraduate Diploma in psychology rather than the full MSc. For the research project, you will undertake advanced independent research under supervision and demonstrate your ability to formulate meaningful research questions that relate to existing psychological theory and research. As part of this, you will review the relevant literature, plan and design a feasible and ethical empirical study, and produce a scholarly scientific report of your work.

MSc

You'll study all core modules plus:

Independent Scholarship

You are expected to present evidence of your capacity to execute independent empirical research that builds clearly upon your prior learning and draws upon appropriate methodologies. After identifying a research issue, you'll review existing literature on the topic, formulate novel research questions, and test these questions through the application of appropriate psychological methodologies and data analysis.

You will also select an additional module from a range including:

- Ergonomics
- Health Psychology
- Educational Psychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Forensic Psychology

Similar courses:

- MSc Health Psychology (Online)
- MSc Health Psychology (Campus Based)
- MSc Behaviour Change

Essential Information

How To Apply

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Fees for UK/EU students

2015/2016 fees were £965 per 20 credit module or £8,685 for the MSc and £5,790 for the Postgraduate Diploma. Please see our website for the latest information.

Fees for international students

2015/2016 fees were £1,100 per 20 credit module or £9,900 for the MSc and £6,600 for the Postgraduate Diploma. Please see our website for the latest information.

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