

Course Specification

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Core Information

Awarding Body / Institution:	University of Wolverhampton		
School / Institute:	Institute of Human Sciences		
Course Code(s):	PS020Q01UV PS020Q31UV	Full-time Part-time	4 Years 8 Years
Course Title:	MSci Psychology		
Hierarchy of Awards:	Master in Science with Honours Psychology Bachelor of Science with Honours Psychology Bachelor of Science Psychology Diploma of Higher Education Psychology Certificate of Higher Education Psychology University Statement of Credit University Statement of Credit		
Language of Study:	English		
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Course Specification valid to:	2020/1		

Academic Staff

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Course Information

Location of Delivery:	University of Wolverhampton
Category of Partnership:	Not delivered in partnership
Teaching Institution:	University of Wolverhampton
Open / Closed Course:	This course is open to all suitably qualified candidates.

Entry Requirements:

Entry requirements are subject to regular review. The entry requirements applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website (and externally as appropriate e.g. UCAS)

2017 entry

GCSE Grade C+ / 4 in Mathematics and English (or equivalent).

The following are considered equivalent of grade 'C' Mathematics:

- OCN Access to HE Core Mathematics
- National Test level 2 Numeracy
- Key Skills L3 Application of number
- Functional Skills L2 Mathematics

The following are not accepted:

- Key Skills L2: Application of number

Should you have not achieved a GCSE Maths grade C or above or equivalent qualification please still apply and we will consider your existing qualifications on an individual basis.

Plus

- Gain BBC from 3 A Levels or equivalent.
- If a student applies to transfer from BSc Psychology; BSc Psychology (Criminal Behaviour); BSc Psychology (Counselling) onto any MSi programme then this must be done no later than the end of Semester 1 of their final year of study and meet the criteria articulated in the University of Wolverhampton regulations pertaining to Integrated Masters Programmes.

Distinctive Features of the Course:

This course is more than a collection of modules, it is fully integrated. For example, at level 4 (entry level) you will study 6 modules. One module, Bad Science will investigate the rationale and background to the scientific study of behaviour and how psychology has adapted these schemas. There is an opportunity in this module to examine in detail aspects of experimental design and ethical considerations when conducting research. These principles are applied then in the Basic and Intermediate Research Skills modules and in doing this the study of all three modules informs and supports one another. This is one example and it is an approach which is continued throughout the course.

Furthermore, we have specifically designed this course with your career in mind. You will be encouraged throughout your studies to engage with the modules and to identify how the learning outcomes transfer into employability skills. Indeed, at level 6 there is a core module 'Psychology and Employment' where students will investigate the psychology of identifying their skills and how these relate to the selection criteria for a particular job. Students will also study the psychology of CVs as well as interview techniques and other selection tools such as psychometric testing. In such a competitive work environment we see it as essential to prepare student for their next stage in their career development, whether this be into further studies or a

professional career. The inclusion of a core module which specifically focus' on this demonstrates our commitment to a students development in this area.

Furthermore, as part of the level 7 research methods module, all students will receive the necessary training to be qualified psychometrics users and be accredited as such but the British Psychological Society.

Our philosophy regarding the understanding of psychology is heavily based in research and the empirical evidence that this produces. Being able to consider a particular behaviour and then be able to apply psychological theory to the explanation of this behaviour is an approach which is applied throughout the course. A consequence of this approach means that you will develop the necessary skills to be able to question the reliability of theories, put together a convincing evidence based argument, and critically evaluate the arguments of others

Educational Aims of the Course:

This Integrated Masters course is designed to provide students with a deep understanding of the applications of psychology and how these interact with our day-to-day lives. By choosing this route students will not be restricting their future career opportunities either within or outside of psychology. This course, if necessary criteria are met, will bestow upon the student eligibility for Graduate Basis for Membership with the British Psychological Society. The structure is based very much on learning ethos within which behaviour is used as a framework for applying specific theories and using a problem based learning approach. These will include both day-to-day behaviours, as well as those in more specific situations relating to both Occupational and Investigative Forensic Psychology.

Students will also examine various philosophical approaches to psychology and through this will be able to understand the complexities of human nature. This appreciation is underpinned through the use of various research approaches and methodologies utilised in Psychology. Students will receive support and advice from personal tutors who are expert in the specialist pathway followed, which will enable students to make the best choices with regards to both their studies as well as further career development. This is a truly integrated course and there are many opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills mastered on one module to other aspects of their learning experience. Indeed, within the personal tutorial system and the high level of small group work, students will receive support in recognising how skills developed in an academic framework are transferable to employability. By the end of this course students will be excellently placed to follow their chosen path, whether this is into either a professional career or further studies.

Intakes:

September

Major Source of Funding:

Office for Students (OFS)

Tuition Fees:

Tuition fees are reviewed on an annual basis. The fees applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website.

Year	Status	Mode	Amount
2020/1	H	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2020/1	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£12250.00
2020/1	H	Part Time	£3050.00
2020/1	Overseas	Part Time	£6125.00

PSRB:

PS020Q01UV (Full-time)

Professional Accreditation Body:
British Psychological Society (BPS)

Accrediting Body:
British Psychological Society (BPS)

Accreditation Statement:
Accredited against the requirements for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the British Psychological Society (BPS).

Additional Notes:
"Graduates who complete an accredited undergraduate degree or postgraduate conversion programme having passed the empirical psychology project and gained a minimum of a 2:2 overall (or its equivalent) are eligible to apply for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the British Psychological Society. GBC is set as a pre-requisite for entry to accredited postgraduate programmes by the majority of training providers. In order to practise as a psychologist offering services to the public, graduates will need to complete further training that is approved by the Health and Care Professions Council."

Approved	Start	Expected End	Renewal
14/Nov/2014	14/Nov/2014	31/Dec/2021	31/Dec/2021

PS020Q31UV (Part-time)

Professional Accreditation Body:
British Psychological Society (BPS)

Accrediting Body:
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Accreditation Statement:
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Additional Notes:
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Approved	Start	Expected End	Renewal
04/Nov/2014	04/Nov/2014	31/Dec/2021	31/Dec/2021

Course Structure:

September (Full-time)

Part time students study alongside full time students. However, they do not study more than 80 credits in each academic calendar year.

Year 2

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
5PS001	Cognitive Psychology	20	SEM1	Core
5PS002	The Development of Personality and Individual Differences	20	SEM1	Core
5PS005	Research Methods in Psychology - Advanced	20	SEM1	Core
5PS003	Theoretical and Applied Social Psychology	20	SEM2	Core
5PS004	Developing Research Skills in Psychology	20	SEM2	Core
5PS006	Psychobiology	20	SEM2	Core

September (Full-time)

Part time students study alongside full time students. However, they do not study more than 80 credits in each academic calendar year.

Year 3

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
6PS014	Psychology Research Project	40	YEAR	Core
			SEM2	Core

For this option group you must choose a minimum of 20 credits and a maximum of 20 credits

6PS006	Forensic and Criminal Psychology	20	SEM1	
6PS010	Applications of Counselling	20	SEM1	

For this option group you must choose a minimum of 20 credits and a maximum of 20 credits

6PS015	Applications of Health Psychology	20	SEM1	
6PS017	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	20	SEM1	

For this option group you must choose a minimum of 20 credits and a maximum of 20 credits

6PS003	Clinical Psychology	20	SEM2	
6PS005	Lifespan Development and Learning	20	SEM2	
6PS009	Cognition and Individual Differences	20	SEM2	
6PS012	Cyberpsychology	20	SEM2	

September (Full-time)

Part time students study alongside full time students. However, they do not study more than 80 credits in each academic calendar year.

Year 4

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7PS003	Conducting and Interpreting Research	40	IN YR	Core

For this option group you must choose a minimum of 20 credits and a maximum of 20 credits

7PS012	Psychological Assessment and Training	20	IN YR
7PS011	Organisational Change, Leadership and Motivation	20	IN YR

For this option group you must choose a minimum of 20 credits and a maximum of 20 credits

7PS014	Psychology of Criminal Behaviour	20	IN YR
7PS016	Victimology & Witness Psychology	20	IN YR

For this option group you must choose a minimum of 20 credits and a maximum of 20 credits

7PS010	Performance and Wellbeing at Work	20	IN YR
7PS004	Issues in Work Design	20	IN YR

For this option group you must choose a minimum of 20 credits and a maximum of 20 credits

7PS015	Investigative Psychology	20	IN YR
7PS017	Cybercrime	20	IN YR

Please note: Optional modules might not run every year, the course team will decide on an annual basis which options will be running, based on student demand and academic factors, to create the best learning experience.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Academic Regulations Exemption:

Section 1.2.3 - Exemption to permit module 7PS003 (Conducting and Interpreting Research) to run as a 40 credit Year-Long module.

APPROVED by AFRSC on 16/4/2013.

Reference Points:

QAA subject benchmarks for psychology

(<http://www.qaa.ac.uk/academicinfrastructure/benchmark/honours/psychology.asp>) and BPS

Quality Assurance Policies and Practice for First Qualifications in Psychology 2009

([http://www.bps.org.uk/document-download-area/document-download\\$.cfm?file_uuid=44F1F8ED-9635-D739-2034-CB2B9A3D6C32&ext=pdf](http://www.bps.org.uk/document-download-area/document-download$.cfm?file_uuid=44F1F8ED-9635-D739-2034-CB2B9A3D6C32&ext=pdf))

Learning Outcomes:

CertHE Course Learning Outcome 1 (CHECLO1)

Demonstrate knowledge of the underlying concepts and principles associated with your area(s) of study, and an ability to evaluate and interpret these within the context of that area of study

CertHE Course Learning Outcome 2 (CHECLO2)

Demonstrate an ability to present, evaluate and interpret qualitative and quantitative data, in order to develop lines of argument and make sound judgements in accordance with basic theories and concepts of your subject(s) of study.

CertHE Course Learning Outcome 3 (CHECLO3)

Evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems related to your area(s) of study and/or work

CertHE Course Learning Outcome 4 (CHECLO4)

Communicate the results of your study/work accurately and reliably, and with structured and coherent arguments

CertHE Course Learning Outcome 5 (CHECLO5)

Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of some personal responsibility

DipHE Course Learning Outcome 1 (DHECLO1)

Demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the well-established principles of your area(s) of study, and of the way in which those principles have developed with an understanding of the limits of your knowledge, and how this influences analyses and interpretations based on that knowledge.

DipHE Course Learning Outcome 2 (DHECLO2)

Demonstrate the ability to apply underlying concepts and principles outside the context in which they were first studied, including, where appropriate, the application of those principles in an employment context

DipHE Course Learning Outcome 3 (DHECLO3)

Demonstrate knowledge of the main methods of enquiry in the subject(s) relevant to the named award, and ability to evaluate critically the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems in the field of study

DipHE Course Learning Outcome 4 (DHECLO4)

Use a range of established techniques to initiate and undertake critical analysis of information, and to propose solutions to problems arising from that analysis

DipHE Course Learning Outcome 5 (DHECLO5)

Effectively communicate information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms to specialist and non-specialist audiences, and deploy key techniques of the discipline effectively

DipHE Course Learning Outcome 6 (DHECLO6)

Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment, requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and decision-making and undertake further training, developing existing skills and acquire new competences that will enable them to assume significant responsibility within organisations.

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 1 (ORDCLO1)

Demonstrate a systematic understanding of key aspects of your field of study, including acquisition of coherent and detailed knowledge, at least some of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of defined aspects of a discipline with an appreciation of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 2 (ORDCLO2)

Demonstrate an ability to deploy accurately established techniques of analysis and enquiry within a discipline and apply the methods and techniques that they have learned to review, consolidate, extend and apply your knowledge and understanding, and to initiate and carry out projects.

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 3 (ORDCLO3)

Demonstrate conceptual understanding that enables the student: 1. to devise and sustain arguments, and/or to solve problems, using ideas and techniques, some of which are at the forefront of a discipline 2. to describe and comment upon particular aspects of current research, or equivalent advanced scholarship, in the discipline

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 4 (ORDCLO4)

Demonstrate the ability to manage your own learning, and to make use of scholarly reviews and primary sources (for example, refereed research articles and/or original materials appropriate to the discipline) and communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 5 (ORDCLO5)

Critically evaluate arguments, assumptions, abstract concepts and data (that may be incomplete), to make judgements, and to frame appropriate questions to achieve a solution - or identify a range of solutions - to a problem

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 6 (ORDCLO6)

Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring: 1. the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility 2. decision-making in complex and unpredictable situations 3. the learning ability needed to undertake appropriate further training of a professional or equivalent nature.

Honours Course Learning Outcome 1 (DEGCLO1)

Demonstrate a systematic understanding of key aspects of your field of study, including acquisition of coherent and detailed knowledge, at least some of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of defined aspects of a discipline with an appreciation of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge

Honours Course Learning Outcome 2 (DEGCLO2)

Demonstrate an ability to deploy accurately established techniques of analysis and enquiry within a discipline and apply the methods and techniques that they have learned to review, consolidate, extend and apply your knowledge and understanding, and to initiate and carry out projects.

Honours Course Learning Outcome 3 (DEGCLO3)

Demonstrate conceptual understanding that enables the student: 1. to devise and sustain arguments, and/or to solve problems, using ideas and techniques, some of which are at the forefront of a discipline 2. to describe and comment upon particular aspects of current research, or equivalent advanced scholarship, in the discipline.

Honours Course Learning Outcome 4 (DEGCLO4)

Demonstrate the ability to manage your own learning, and to make use of scholarly reviews and primary sources (for example, refereed research articles and/or original materials appropriate to the discipline) and communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.

Honours Course Learning Outcome 5 (DEGCLO5)

Critically evaluate arguments, assumptions, abstract concepts and data (that may be incomplete), to make judgements, and to frame appropriate questions to achieve a solution - or identify a range of solutions - to a problem

Honours Course Learning Outcome 6 (DEGCLO6)

Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring: 1. the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility 2. decision-making in complex and unpredictable contexts. 3. the learning ability needed to undertake appropriate further training of a professional or equivalent nature.

Integrated Masters Course Learning Outcome 1 (IMACLO1)

Demonstrate a knowledge and critical understanding of a wide range of psychological perspectives which facilitate the application of theory to the explanation of behaviours.

Integrated Masters Course Learning Outcome 2 (IMACLO2)

Identify specific behavioural questions and to position these into an appropriate research framework.

Integrated Masters Course Learning Outcome 3 (IMACLO3)

Apply relevant technologies to both the investigation of psychological perspectives and the communication of their findings

Integrated Masters Course Learning Outcome 4 (IMACLO4)

To communicate ideas and findings using a diverse set of platforms, both technological and otherwise.

Integrated Masters Course Learning Outcome 5 (IMACLO5)

Apply critical skills to both scientific claims as well as those experienced in a broader context.

Integrated Masters Course Learning Outcome 6 (IMACLO6)

Appreciate the complexity of the individual and to critically understand why differences between individuals occur and how these affect aspects of both community and society.

Overview of Assessment:

Module	Title	Course Learning Outcomes
4PS001	Bad Science	CHECLO1, CHECLO2, CHECLO3, CHECLO4, CHECLO5
4PS002	Historical and Contextual Themes in Theoretical Psychology	CHECLO1, CHECLO2, CHECLO3, CHECLO4, CHECLO5
4PS003	Research Methods In Psychology - Basic	CHECLO1, CHECLO2, CHECLO3, CHECLO4, CHECLO5
4PS004	Themes and Practice in Psychology	CHECLO1, CHECLO2, CHECLO3, CHECLO4, CHECLO5
4PS005	Research Methods in Psychology - Intermediate	CHECLO1, CHECLO2, CHECLO3, CHECLO4, CHECLO5
4PS006	Introduction to Historical and Conceptual Issues in Applied Psychology	CHECLO1, CHECLO2, CHECLO3, CHECLO4, CHECLO5
5PS001	Cognitive Psychology	DHECLO1, DHECLO2, DHECLO3, DHECLO4, DHECLO5, DHECLO6
5PS002	The Development of Personality and Individual Differences	DHECLO1, DHECLO2, DHECLO3, DHECLO4, DHECLO5, DHECLO6
5PS003	Theoretical and Applied Social Psychology	DHECLO1, DHECLO2, DHECLO3, DHECLO4, DHECLO5, DHECLO6
5PS004	Developing Research Skills in Psychology	DHECLO1, DHECLO2, DHECLO3, DHECLO4, DHECLO5, DHECLO6
5PS005	Research Methods in Psychology - Advanced	DHECLO1, DHECLO2, DHECLO3, DHECLO4, DHECLO5, DHECLO6
5PS006	Psychobiology	DHECLO1, DHECLO2, DHECLO3, DHECLO4, DHECLO5, DHECLO6
6PS003	Clinical Psychology	DEGCLO1, DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6, ORDCLO1, ORDCLO2, ORDCLO3, ORDCLO4, ORDCLO5, ORDCLO6
6PS005	Lifespan Development and Learning	DEGCLO1, DEGCLO2, DEGCLO3, DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6, ORDCLO1, ORDCLO2, ORDCLO3, ORDCLO4, ORDCLO5, ORDCLO6
6PS006	Forensic and Criminal Psychology	DEGCLO1, DEGCLO2, DEGCLO3, DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6, ORDCLO1, ORDCLO2, ORDCLO3, ORDCLO4, ORDCLO5, ORDCLO6
6PS009	Cognition and Individual Differences	DEGCLO1, DEGCLO2, DEGCLO3, DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6, ORDCLO1, ORDCLO2, ORDCLO3, ORDCLO4, ORDCLO5, ORDCLO6
6PS010	Applications of Counselling	DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, ORDCLO1, ORDCLO2, ORDCLO3, ORDCLO4, ORDCLO5, ORDCLO6
6PS012	Cyberpsychology	DEGCLO1, DEGCLO2, DEGCLO3, DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6, ORDCLO1, ORDCLO2, ORDCLO3, ORDCLO4, ORDCLO5, ORDCLO6
6PS014	Psychology Research Project	DEGCLO1, DEGCLO2, DEGCLO3, DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6, ORDCLO1, ORDCLO2, ORDCLO3, ORDCLO4, ORDCLO5, ORDCLO6
6PS015	Applications of Health Psychology	DEGCLO1, DEGCLO2, DEGCLO3, DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6, ORDCLO1, ORDCLO2, ORDCLO3, ORDCLO4, ORDCLO5, ORDCLO6

Module	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	Course Learning Outcomes
6PS017		DEGCLO1, DEGCLO2, DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6, ORDCLO1, ORDCLO2, ORDCLO3, ORDCLO4, ORDCLO5, ORDCLO6
6PS019	Psychology and Employment	DEGCLO1, DEGCLO2, DEGCLO3, DEGCLO4, DEGCLO5, DEGCLO6, ORDCLO1, ORDCLO2, ORDCLO3, ORDCLO4, ORDCLO5, ORDCLO6
7PS003	Conducting and Interpreting Research	IMACLO1, IMACLO2, IMACLO3, IMACLO4, IMACLO5
7PS004	Issues in Work Design	IMACLO1, IMACLO4, IMACLO5, IMACLO6
7PS010	Performance and Wellbeing at Work	IMACLO1, IMACLO2, IMACLO3, IMACLO4, IMACLO5, IMACLO6
7PS011	Organisational Change, Leadership and Motivation	IMACLO1, IMACLO2, IMACLO3, IMACLO4, IMACLO5, IMACLO6
7PS012	Psychological Assessment and Training	IMACLO1, IMACLO2, IMACLO3, IMACLO6
7PS014	Psychology of Criminal Behaviour	IMACLO1, IMACLO2, IMACLO3, IMACLO4, IMACLO5, IMACLO6
7PS015	Investigative Psychology	IMACLO1, IMACLO2, IMACLO3, IMACLO4, IMACLO5
7PS016	Victimology & Witness Psychology	IMACLO1, IMACLO2, IMACLO3, IMACLO4, IMACLO5
7PS017	Cybercrime	IMACLO1, IMACLO2, IMACLO4, IMACLO5, IMACLO6

Teaching, Learning and Assessment:

Learning activities are focused on problem based learning, whereby students will be presented with an example of a behaviour or cluster of behaviours to which they will then be expected to apply theoretical explanations. To meet this challenge, students will be presented with theoretical information in lecture sessions and then will use further lectures as well as seminars, workshops, group tutorials and all technological literacy's mentioned in section 11, and to apply these to explaining human and animal behaviour.

At Level 4, students will look at theoretical applications to psychology and consider how psychology as a discipline has evolved in response to how our understanding of psychological complexities have developed over time. At Level 5, students will investigate more focused disciplines within psychology and will be expected to adopt a more critical approach to research underpinning psychological theory so that they are enabled to question behavioural explanations. These skills will be enhanced by the increased use of online forum discussions and the application of advanced research skills which will provide students, through the use of small group research supervision, with the ability to frame their critiques into testable hypotheses. At level 6, students will apply, and continue to develop, the questioning nature of problem based learning and will be able to apply these to modules which cover areas of contemporary psychology. At this level students will also be able to engage in the study of areas of applied psychology specific to their interests. At level 7, students will be required to demonstrate a more critical approach to the applied areas of occupational and investigative forensic psychology. The areas they will cover will be core areas of the disciplines and will provide students with a deeper understanding of the knowledge and expertise required in these areas of professional psychological practice.

The Development of Graduate Attributes

1. acquire, generate, interrogate and apply knowledge from a wide range of sources,
2. develop research skills to enable analysis , synthesis, understanding and evaluation of data and information.
3. demonstrate self-discipline and organizational skills by meeting deadlines, and taking responsibility for your own development and learning
4. present ideas clearly in an informed and persuasive manner to a variety of audiences.
5. be innovative, creative and enterprising work collaboratively, whilst acknowledging, respecting and engaging with the views of others in a constructive and empathetic manner
6. draw on professional advice and feedback to reflect on and improve your own learning and professional practice;
7. prepare for the world of work through engagement with real life situations, briefs and problems
8. engage with new ideas and ways of working as an active member of the communities in which you study,

live and work.

Assessment Methods:

At the University of Wolverhampton, a variety of modes of assessment will be used to support and test your learning and progress and to help you develop capabilities that are valued beyond your University studies and into your working life. Your course may include a variety of assessment activities:

Written examinations (including online examinations, open and closed book examinations and quizzes)
Coursework (for example, essays, reports, portfolios, project proposals and briefs, CVs, poster presentation)
Practical (for example, oral and video presentations, laboratory work, performances, practical skills assessment)

In the final year of your undergraduate degree, and at the end of your postgraduate degree, you are likely to be expected to write an extended piece of work or research, such as a dissertation or a practice-based piece of research.

Student Support:

The advantage of designing the Specialist routes in psychology is to enable students to receive learning support targeted to their needs. There is generic modular support which will be delivered by the module teams in the form of one to one meetings as well as more generic advice and feedback which will be derived from the cohorts assessment feedback as it is perceived that while students only receive the feedback of their own work it is of value to be able to take stock of the feedback other have received. By designing the Psychology routes as integrated routes it will be clear to students that learning support received in one module is applicable to other aspects of their studies.

At all levels, students have access to learning support from our dedicated demonstrator team who are conversant in all aspects of the course and can advise students how best to achieve their goals. There is also considerable support to be sought from the Learning Centre with regards to ongoing study skills as well as accessing research relevant to their studies. During Level 4 studies, students will be exposed to the basic approaches to study skills. These will include online literature searches, guides relating to academic writing, critical reading and referencing skills. These will be supported by academic staff within lectures, small group discussions and personal tutorial sessions. The modules will specifically develop study skills in psychology, with the Bad Science module focusing on research skills and the Themes and Perspectives module developing more diverse academic skills such as critical reading and information sourcing. These skills will be applied in the remaining modules at the appropriate point in the academic calendar. Support, such as seminars, will make it explicit that the skills under development on modules at Level 4 are relevant to their studies in general by discussing assessments and learning outcomes from other modules (both at their present level of study as well as at higher levels) as part of their reflective process. In doing so we are applying a holistic approach to learning support.

Throughout the interaction the student has with their Personal Tutor is central to the development of their learning support. It is during Tutor sessions that the contents of the ePDP will be considered and any threads across modules regarding feedback can be identified. This will enable the tutor to recommend bespoke learning enhancement advice. This process will be continuous throughout the course.

Employability in the Curriculum:

A number of our graduates go on to train as Clinical and Counselling Psychologists, to work in the NHS as trainee cognitive behavioural therapists, or to work in other helping professions such as social work.

However, by choosing this Integrated Masters in Psychology course, students will not be restricting their future career opportunities either within or outside of psychology. Each year, our graduates go on to apply the knowledge they have gained with us to a wide range of jobs in the private, public and non-profit sectors. Due to the wide applicability of the psychological knowledge they will gain and the respect conferred by a BPS-accredited degree many students enter professional work within the business sector, retail management, teaching and the public sector.

The MSci award will provide students with advanced training in their chosen branch of psychology. MSci graduates will thus leave university with masters-level skills, setting them apart from those graduating with bachelor degrees in psychology. This will give them an advantage in the job market and will be a launch-pad for continuing professional training in psychology or related fields.



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