



UNIVERSITY OF
LIVERPOOL

BSc (Hons)

Psychology

UCAS code C800

Entry requirements

A level: ABB

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

3 years

Apply by: **29 January 2025**

Starts on: **22 September 2025**

About this course

The Psychology BSc (Hons) degree course at Liverpool is an exciting programme that draws on our research excellence and the transferable skills you'll learn while you're here means a psychology degree from Liverpool will be suitable for a wide range of career choices. Outstanding applicants may be also be offered conditional places on linked postgraduate courses provided by the University of Liverpool to enable you to to further enhance your career prospects.

Introduction

Entry to the undergraduate degree programme is available to applicants with a wide array of qualifications and backgrounds and it is accredited by the British Psychological Society and provides Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership, making it an excellent platform for postgraduate study. The modular basis of the course will enable you to develop specialist knowledge in a range of subject areas.

The large number of available modules makes it possible to focus your learning on topics of personal interest. You also have the opportunity to work on a summer placement to an organisation. In year three you will be able to work with an individual academic on an in-depth research project on a topic of personal and professional interest.

In addition, in your final year you may wish to apply for entry to our range of taught Masters postgraduate programmes in psychology (eg Investigative and Forensic Psychology, which is accredited by the BPS Forensic Division) or alternatively you may wish to transfer onto our MPsycholSci programme (C804).

You'll be studying in a department which is home to some of the world's leading academic experts, research centres and laboratories and our new research connected curriculum moves quickly from general psychology to our research strengths and specialisms. You'll benefit from research focused lectures from year one, enabling an understanding and application of the Liverpool context, all taught by specialists who are passionate about their research activity.

Ours is a rewarding programme and you'll have plenty of not only academic but also pastoral support at Liverpool to advise about any issues you may be experiencing.

What you'll learn

- Biological and clinical psychology
 - Cognitive neurosciences
 - Forensic psychology
 - Research methodologies and statistics
 - Developmental psychology
 - A wide selection of optional modules in areas such as addiction, evolutionary psychology, the neurobiology of emotions, the psychology of pain, and many more.
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Accreditation

The degree is **accredited by the British Psychological Society** and provides Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership.

Accreditation in detail

British Psychological Society

The British Psychological Society is the representative body for psychology and psychologists in the UK. This programme is BPS accredited, meaning it meets the BPS' standards for education and training.

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year one

In this first year, you'll begin to understand the basis, concepts and principles associated with the neural underpinnings of human behaviour and will help you apply research strategies and investigatory methods in biological psychology, cognition, developmental and social psychology. There will be class based practical sessions and group work.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC133)</u>	22.5
<u>BRAIN AND COGNITION (PSYC131)</u>	22.5
<u>DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC130)</u>	22.5
<u>RESEARCH METHODS AND STATISTICS 1 (PSYC134)</u>	15
<u>RESEARCH METHODS AND STATISTICS 2 (PSYC135)</u>	15
<u>SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY AND INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES (PSYC132)</u>	22.5

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Year two

In your second year you'll cover the core topics of psychology in depth and get an introduction into new topics such as key lifespan development.

At the same time, you'll be developing your research, problem solving and critical thinking skills and applying statistics. You'll also be part of a small group project in preparation for your third-year research project and have the opportunity to apply for an internship in the Department's research laboratories.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>CLINICAL AND FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC232)</u>	22.5
<u>COGNITION AND COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE (PSYC231)</u>	22.5
<u>LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND WELLBEING (PSYC230)</u>	22.5
<u>PSYCHOBIOLOGY & MOTIVATION (PSYC233)</u>	22.5
<u>RESEARCH METHODS AND STATISTICS 3 (PSYC234)</u>	15
<u>RESEARCH METHODS AND STATISTICS 4 (PSYC235)</u>	15

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Year three

Year three will provide an unparalleled opportunity for you to learn at the cutting edge of psychology research and be taught by world-leading academics in subjects like the psychology of pain, addiction, psychosis and forensics as well as current debates and controversies. Central to this year is the research project, designed as a platform for students to display applied learning to a research topic that can be related to their chosen specialisation.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>RESEARCH PROJECT (PSYC340)</u>	30

Optional modules	Credits
<u>APPETITE REGULATION AND OBESITY: HEALTH AND NEUROSCIENCE PERSPECTIVES (PSYC310)</u>	15
<u>FORENSIC AND INVESTIGATIVE PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC311)</u>	15
<u>GREAT DEBATES IN PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC301)</u>	15
<u>PSYCHOBIOLOGY OF PAIN (PSYC317)</u>	15
<u>PSYCHOLOGICAL ISSUES IN ADULT AGEING (PSYC344)</u>	15
<u>SYSTEMATIC REVIEW 1 (PSYC330)</u>	15
<u>SYSTEMATIC REVIEW 2 (PSYC343)</u>	15
<u>THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PSYCHOSIS (PSYC334)</u>	15
<u>TOPICS IN APPLIED SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC348)</u>	15
<u>TYPICAL AND ATYPICAL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT (PSYC339)</u>	15
<u>PSYCHOLOGY WORK BASED PLACEMENT (PSYC399)</u>	15
<u>MEDIA PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC326)</u>	15
<u>CYBERPSYCHOLOGY-HUMAN COMPUTER INTERACTION (PSYC327)</u>	15
<u>COGNITIVE AND CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGY OF VISION (PSYC329)</u>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<u>THE PSYCHOLOGY OF HEALTH (PSYC336)</u>	15
<u>BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE IN PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC398)</u>	15
<u>PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES (PSYC347)</u>	15
<u>CONFLICT PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC324)</u>	15
<u>ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC353)</u>	15
<u>NEUROPSYCHOLOGY OF THE VISUAL ARTS (PSYC354)</u>	15
<u>FAMILY PSYCHOLOGY: RECOGNIZING THE SYSTEM BEHIND THE SYMPTOM (PSYC352)</u>	15

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

You will be taught using a balanced mix of lectures, workshops, seminars and tutorials and practical laboratory sessions, working cooperatively in small groups right from the beginning. Academic staff are available for 1-2-1 feedback and support. Course material is available 24/7 on our online learning platform; Canvas.

How you're assessed

Students on this course are assessed with a combination of exams and coursework. Coursework involves real world tasks such as writing position papers, educational blogs, policy papers, research proposals, posters, oral presentations, group projects, and research projects. You'll submit coursework which contributes to your final grade during years two and three. During your final year, you'll also submit your 3rd year research project.

Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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Careers and employability

Employability is embedded into the Psychology BSc(Hons) programme, from lectures through to integrating it within your chosen modules and your future employers can be reassured by the fact that the Psychology BSc (Hons) programme is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS).

At Liverpool you'll be connected with the best student and graduate employers in the region. Our career coaches will help you explore jobs, connect with employers and guide you through the whole application process.

- NHS
- Business Services Authority
- Marks & Spencer
- Camelot Retail Sales
- Unilever
- Deloitte Audit
- Tax and Corporate Finance Services
- Amazon
- Local government
- Department for Education

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year - £9,535

Year abroad fee - £1,430 (applies to year in China)

International fees

Full-time place, per year - £29,100

Year abroad fee - £14,550 (applies to year in China)

The tuition fees shown are correct for 2025/26 entry. Please note that the year abroad fee also applies to the year in China.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. [Learn more about paying for your studies.](#)

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

A levels

ABB with a B or above in A level science (Science subjects: Applied ICT, Biology (and Human Biology), Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Electronics, Environmental Science, Further Mathematics, Geography, Geology, ICT, Life and Health Sciences, Mathematics, Psychology, Physics, Statistics)

Applicants with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) are eligible for a reduction in grade requirements. For this course, the offer is **BBB** with **A** in the EPQ.

You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme. Based on your personal circumstances, you may automatically qualify for up to a two-grade reduction in the entry requirements needed for this course. When you apply, we consider a range of factors – such as where you live – to assess if you're eligible for a grade reduction. You don't have to make an application for a grade reduction – we'll do all the work.

Find out more about [how we make reduced grade offers](#).

If you don't meet the entry requirements, you may be able to complete a foundation year which would allow you to progress to this course.

Available foundation years:

- [Psychology BSc \(Hons\) \(2+2 programme with Foundation Element\) BSc \(Hons\)](#)

T levels

Health and Science (Science pathway) is accepted with an overall grade of Distinction to include A in the core.

Applicants should contact us by [completing the enquiry form on our website](#) to discuss specific requirements in the core components and the occupational specialism.

GCSE

GCSE Mathematics and English at grade 5 are required.

Subject requirements

The required Science A level must be one of the following: Applied ICT, Biology (and Human Biology), Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics. Electronics, Environmental Science, Further Mathematics, Geography, Geology, ICT, Life and Health Sciences, Mathematics, Psychology, Physics, Statistics)

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

DDD in Applied Science or Health and Social Care.

International Baccalaureate

35 points including 6 in HL science subject

Irish Leaving Certificate

H1,H2,H2,H2,H3,H3 including grade H2 in a Higher Level Science subject.

Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher

ABB with B in science subject.

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

Grade B in Welsh Baccalaureate, plus AB at A level, including a science subject.

Access

30 credits at Distinction from graded level 3 units in a relevant Diploma that must include at least 15 Science credits and 15 credits at Merit.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, you could be eligible for a Pre-Master's course. This is offered on campus at the [University of Liverpool International College](#), in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. It's a specialist preparation course for postgraduate study, and when you pass the Pre-Master's at the required level with good attendance, you're guaranteed entry to a University of Liverpool master's degree.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a [majority English speaking country](#).

We accept a variety of [international language tests](#) and [country-specific qualifications](#).

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

IELTS

7.0 overall, with no component below 6.5

TOEFL iBT

100 overall, with minimum scores of listening 21, writing 21, reading 21 and speaking 23. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

TOEFL Paper

Grade 7 at Higher Level

Duolingo English Test

135 overall, with writing not less than 140, speaking and reading not less than 125, and listening not below 120

Pearson PTE Academic

69 overall, with no component below 61

LanguageCert Academic

75 overall, with no skill below 70

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0500

Grade B overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking and listening. Speaking and listening must be separately endorsed on the certificate.

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0990

Grade 6 overall, with Merit in speaking and listening

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0510/0511

0510: Grade B overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0511: Grade B overall.

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0993/0991

0993: Grade 6 overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0991: Grade 6 overall.

Cambridge ESOL Level 2/3 Advanced

185 overall, with no paper below 176

LanguageCert

Grade 6 at Standard Level or grade 6 at Higher Level

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-session English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-session English course length	On campus or online
6.5 overall, with no component below 6.5	6 weeks	On campus
6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0	10 weeks	On campus and online options available
6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5	12 weeks	On campus and online options available
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	20 weeks	On campus
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.0	30 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no more than one component below 5.0, and no component below 4.5	40 weeks	On campus

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-session English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-session English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 7.0 overall, with no component below 6.5, for further details.

Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, [contact us](#) for advice
- If you are returning to learning, have had a disrupted education or are switching career pathways, the one-year [Go Higher diploma](#) qualifies you to apply for University of Liverpool arts, humanities and social sciences programmes
- [Applications from mature students](#) are welcome.

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