Imagine... exploring how the mind works

Welcome to the School of Psychology

Psychology is one of the most stimulating, diverse and fast-paced fields of study there is. In the School of Psychology at the University of Nottingham, we are committed to generating and sharing knowledge that helps us to understand and predict human behaviour. If you study with us we will work with you to develop a broad and deep knowledge of psychology.

In the School of Psychology we will stretch you intellectually, and challenge you to evaluate and test your own thoughts and ideas as well as those of others. We will do this by introducing you to fundamental topics in psychology, by developing your critical thinking and communication abilities, and by providing you with practical experience of the many ways psychologists analyse and assess behaviour.

We will work in partnership with you to ensure that you complete your degree with the knowledge and skills in place to enable you to succeed in whatever you do next, be that employment or further study.

I hope to welcome you to our school soon.

Professor Paul McGraw
Head of the School of Psychology

Find out where a degree in psychology could take you:
www.nottingham.ac.uk/psychology

We aim to provide a diverse and inspiring environment for the scientific study of the mind and brain.
Studying psychology at Nottingham

Psychology is the scientific study of brain and behaviour, and is one of the most exciting, relevant and rapidly changing fields of study. It encompasses the perceptions, thoughts, feelings and actions of people from infancy to old age, as well as comparable phenomena in groups, organisations and societies, animals, and computers.

Research excellence
Research and teaching work hand-in-hand. You will be taught by staff who are research active and in many cases international leaders in their fields. In the latest Research Excellent Framework the school was part of a unit of assessment (psychology, psychiatry and neuroscience) that was ranked in the top 10 in the UK for research power. Find out more on page 10.

Professional accreditation
Our BSc Psychology, MSci Psychology and BSc Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience degrees are accredited by the British Psychological Society, which means the curriculum taught on these courses is determined by the Quality Assurance Agency’s benchmark statements for psychology.

Research Excellence Framework (for psychology, psychiatry and neuroscience), 2014.

96%
of first-degree graduates in the school who were available for employment had secured work or further study within six months of graduation.**

Our school community
From the eMentoring scheme put in place to help new and current students, to our esteemed society PsychoSoc, our students and staff are continually working together to create a friendly, supportive learning environment. A member of our teaching staff will be your personal tutor throughout your time at Nottingham, overseeing your academic and personal development.

“I love that psychology is so diverse and relevant to everyday life. The school is so friendly that I found myself feeling at home really quickly. My lecturers are extremely knowledgeable in their subject area and the open door policy is great if you have any questions.”

Alice Lindsey, BSc Psychology

Psychology UCAS code Duration A levels IB

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* With at least 6, 6, 5 at Higher Level.
^ ^ Candidates with at least one A level in a science (which includes A level psychology) will be asked to attain AAB or equivalent. Candidates without a science A level may be asked to achieve AAA.

Preparing to study in English
Students who require extra support to meet the English language requirements for their academic course can attend a professional course at the Centre for English Language Education (CELE) to prepare for their future studies. Students who pass at the required level can progress directly to their academic programme without needing to retake IELTS. For more information, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele

For more information about studying psychology visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/psychology
**BSc Psychology**

We have designed these programmes to introduce you, in a structured way, to key topics in psychology and to the fundamental skills you will acquire.

**Year one**
We will introduce you to the core areas of biological, cognitive, developmental and social psychology. Your modules will cover theoretical principles as well as the applied aspects of these subjects – for example in education, engineering and clinical settings.

Lectures and tutorials on these core areas are complemented by a module in statistical methods of analysis and a practical methods module, which will teach you how to carry out psychological experiments. In addition, you will be able to choose a number of modules from departments across the University, such as business, languages, law and philosophy.

**Year two**
Psychology modules follow on from the first year, tackling topics in greater depth. In addition to these core modules, you will also continue your training in research methods.

Greater independence in undertaking research is expected as practical sessions run in a series of five-week group projects, which are accompanied by further statistics courses.

**Year three**
You will be able to choose from a wide range of modules, which will allow you to tailor the course to your personal interests. These options include branches of applied psychology such as clinical psychology, forensic and mental health, neuroscience or human-computer interaction, as well as advanced options dealing with topics of current importance in research. Many of these modules will allow you to undertake a dissertation for further credit.

You will also have the opportunity to complete a large-scale, independent research project, where you can take the initiative in designing and carrying out the research yourself with help and guidance from your project supervisor.

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"I thoroughly enjoyed developing my own research project, watching the number of participants rise, and eventually analysing the data which yielded some really interesting results. Even more exciting was learning that my research, which I’d dedicated so much time and effort to, had been accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal! Throughout the process I was offered unwavering support, encouragement, and constructive feedback from my knowledgeable research supervisor."

Nicole Harvey, BSc Psychology

For more detailed course content visit [www.nottingham.ac.uk/psychology](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/psychology)

**BSc Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience**

Cognitive neuroscience is the study of the ways in which our brains support our thoughts, feelings and actions. You will develop a broad and deep knowledge of psychology, alongside knowledge about brain structure and function, as well as ways of measuring brain activity. We will provide you with this by linking cognitive neuroscience practicals and modules with core elements of our BSc Psychology course (see opposite page).

**Year one**
Excellent cognitive neuroscientists are also excellent psychologists, so in your first year you will study the same psychology topics in the same classes as your peers on the BSc Psychology course. The details of your modules can be found on page 9. In addition, you will be able to choose modules in other disciplines, such as biology or neuroscience.

**Year two**
In the second year there is a module in specialised research methods, which will introduce you to a range of cognitive neuroscience methods such as functional magnetic resonance magnetoencephalography, electroencephalography, and transcranial magnetic stimulation.

**Year three**
During the third year, advanced modules in cognitive neuroscience are offered, covering areas including learning, memory, perception, action, typical and atypical development and the brain basis of psychological disorders. A practical report and project can also be tailored to your interests and your course focuses on understanding the relationships between our brains, our mental lives, and our behaviours.

"Developmental psychology is one of my favourite modules. I’ve always been interested in how people develop psychologically from babies to adults and I find the lectures captivating."

Rachel Marshall, BSc Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience

For more detailed course content visit [www.nottingham.ac.uk/psychology](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/psychology)
MSci Psychology

This four year course is designed for those considering a career in research. It is intellectually challenging and benefits from the strong research culture in our school. The teaching programme will provide you with a deep understanding of psychological theories and concepts, and the knowledge, analytical tools and skills you need to assess and conduct empirical research.

Year one to three
You will follow the BSc Psychology or BSc Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience programme. See pages 6 and 7 for more information.

Year four
In the fourth year, you will be able to choose from a number of advanced modules, such as research methods, functional imaging methods, or professional skills. You will also have the opportunity to complete a year-long extended dissertation, working closely with a member of staff who has research expertise in your topic area. For more detailed course content visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/psychology

| Typical modules for BSc Psychology (C800) with Cognitive Neuroscience (C850) and MSci Psychology (C803) |
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| **Year one** | **Year two** | **Year three** | **Year four (MSci only)** |
| **Compulsory modules:** | **Compulsory modules:** | **Compulsory module:** | **Optional modules:** |
| • Biological Psychology | • Cognitive Psychology 2 | • Research Project | • Advanced Methods in Psychology |
| • Cognitive Psychology 1 | • Conceptual and Historical Issues in Psychology | • Applied Psychology: Road User Behaviour | • Functional Imaging Methods |
| • Developmental Psychology | • Neuroscience and Behaviour | • Applied Visual Perception | • Professional Skills |
| • Practical Methods and Seminars in Psychology | • Personality and Individual Differences | • Clinical Psychology | • Careers |
| • Social Psychology | • Practical and Statistical Methods 2 | | |
| • Statistical Methods 1 | | | |
| **Optional modules:** | • Social and Developmental Psychology | | |
| • Addiction and the Brain | • Statistical Methods 2 | | |
| • Introduction to Global Psychology and Communications | | | |
| • Psychological Approaches To Therapy | | | |
| Any subsidiary modules from other schools and departments, for example: | | | |
| • Applied Ethics | • Functional Imaging Methods | | |
| • Calculus and its Applications | | | |
| • Cultural Anthropology | • Professional Skills | | |
| • Environmental Science and Society | | | |
| • Genetics, Ecology and Evolution | | | |
| • German | | | |
| • Japanese | | | |
| • Introduction to Ethics | | | |
| • Introduction to Management | | | |
| • Mandarin Chinese for Cantonese Speakers | | | |
| • Regional Writers | | | |
| • The Anthropology of Human Ecology | | | |

The modules we offer are inspired by the research interests of our staff. As a result modules may change due to research developments or legislative changes, for example. The above list is an example of typical modules that we offer, not a definitive list.
Imagine... having an impact on international research

Research in our school is diverse and can be separated into the four main areas described below. We attract research funding to support our work from a variety of sources, and we publish our findings in high-profile international research journals. We have many links with other academic schools and institutes in Nottingham and at other prestigious universities. The school also works closely with business partners and charities. All of these partnerships give us opportunities for exciting and innovative research projects.

Our four core areas of research are:

**Behavioural Neuroscience**
We investigate fundamental learning and memory processes. We apply our work to understand the causes of conditions such as schizophrenia with a view to ultimately developing interventions that will help people with neurological and psychological conditions.

**Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience**
We study mental functions such as perception, memory, language and emotions and investigate how they are supported by our brains. We do this by combining psychological assessments and tests with cutting edge techniques for measuring and stimulating human brain activity.

**Human Development and Learning**
We study the processes underlying learning and cognitive development. The school have particular strengths in the study of typically developing children, and children and adults with autism and Asperger’s syndrome. We work with schools, charities and support groups to ensure that our work is relevant to their concerns and needs, and we share our knowledge with them.

**Personality, Social Psychology and Health**
We examine how the roles played by the thoughts, feelings, attitudes and actions of individuals and groups influence decision-making, particularly in relation to health behaviours, pro and anti-social actions and risk-taking.

How will world-leading research affect me?
Cutting-edge research makes the University an attractive place to work for lecturers who are experts in their field. You will benefit from the teaching staff’s passion for and commitment to what they do. Plus, when it comes to your own research projects, you will be surrounded by experts who can advise and inspire you.

For more information about our research visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/psychology/research
How will I study?

Group teaching sizes are small enough for us to know all of our students as individuals and the total class size is large enough to allow us to offer a wide range of modules, meaning that you will be able to tailor your degree to your specific interests.

Teaching
We use a variety of teaching methods ranging from lectures covering the fundamentals of psychology to practical classes and methods workshops, in which we will help you to develop the skills necessary to conduct hands on psychological research. Interactive small-group sessions run throughout the course. These will support your learning by linking to the lecture content of the modules you are taking.

Personal tutor
At the start of your course you will be assigned a personal tutor who you will be able to meet regularly in a small group. This is an opportunity for you to develop transferable skills such as essay writing, critical thinking and presentation skills. Tutorials are also a chance for you to work with your fellow students.

Research projects
Practical sessions will run in the first and second years, and will encourage you to develop your skills as an independent researcher.

In the third year, you will complete a large scale independent research project, where you will take the initiative in designing and carrying out the research yourself with help and guidance from your project supervisor. These are high-calibre pieces of work, some of which go on to be published in scientific journals.

Practical experience
Throughout the course, you will have many opportunities to participate in mentoring schemes and scientific and public engagement activities. In the second year, you will be able to apply for a paid summer internship within the school, allowing you to gain academic and practical research experience and occasionally get your name included on a published scientific article.

How will I be assessed?
Our courses are assessed in a variety of ways, including written exams, coursework assignments, dissertations, essays, oral presentations, posters and laboratory reports. The degree classification is based on marks gained from all but the first year of study.

“I enjoyed the flexibility of choosing from an extensive range of interesting optional modules in years two and three, as well as the opportunity to design and carry out my own in-depth psychological study in the final year. A psychology degree equips graduates with many transferable skills, and my classmates are now working in a wide variety of professions in the UK and abroad. I work in a marketing role for the University’s International Office, proudly promoting Nottingham and psychology to prospective students from around the world.”

Jessica Davison, BSc Psychology
How do I apply?

All applications for an undergraduate place to study at The University of Nottingham, including applications by international students, must be made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). Applications should be made online at www.ucas.com and candidates will be notified of decisions through UCAS using UCAS Track.

Your personal statement
This is the section of your UCAS form that tells us most about you, and you should make the best use of it. Be as specific and detailed as you can – we would like to see that you are a student who can work hard, be self-motivated and make the best possible use of the opportunities that our courses offer you. We would also like to hear about any skills you have gained through extracurricular activities.

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level entry requirements but we accept a much broader range of qualifications.

- Access to HE Diploma
- Advanced Diploma
- BTEC HND/HNC
- BTEC Extended Diploma
- Cambridge Pre-U
- International Baccalaureate
- Irish Leaving Certificate
- Scottish Advanced Higher
- Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma

This list is not exhaustive; we will consider applicants with other qualifications on an individual basis. Please contact us to discuss the suitability of your qualification.

Flexible admissions policy
We recognise that some educational and personal circumstances affect achievement. If we judge that you have experienced circumstances that have adversely affected your achievement, we will consider them when assessing your academic potential. Some courses may vary the offer as a result.

For the most up to date information about our offers, please see the entry requirements section of our course pages on our online prospectus. For more information about this policy, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature applicants who have a significant gap in education. You should apply in the normal way through UCAS. More information for mature students can be found at www.nottingham.ac.uk/mature

International applicants
The University’s International Office offers guidance and advice on applying through UCAS. If you would like to visit the University and are unable to attend an open day, the International Office will be happy to arrange a tailor-made visit for you. For further information please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/international

Deferred entry
Applicants who wish to defer their entry by a year will not be at a disadvantage. Please tell us something about your plans for your gap year in your UCAS personal statement.

Equal opportunities policy
The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socio-economic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

Over one third of our UK students receive our means-tested core bursary, worth up to £2,000 a year. For details, see www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

Keep up to date with your application by checking online regularly.
Imagine... landing your dream career

The University of Nottingham is consistently named as one of the most targeted universities by Britain’s leading graduate employers.*

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of first-degree graduates in the school who were available for employment had secured work or further study within six months of graduation.**

£16,776
The average starting salary was £16,776 with the highest being £30,000.**

As a Nottingham psychology graduate, you will be well prepared for a wide range of employment and postgraduate study opportunities. The skills you’ll develop will provide an excellent basis for many careers, including management, social work, teaching, and marketing and advertising. The undergraduate courses also provide an excellent grounding for a research career or professional postgraduate training in areas of applied psychology, and approximately half of our students continue in the discipline after graduation.

Recent destinations of graduates from our school include the fields of:
- clinical psychology
- counselling psychology
- educational psychology
- forensic psychology
- sport and exercise psychology

Careers and Employability Service
Our Careers and Employability Service has a team dedicated to Faculty of Science students. They will be on hand to offer you specialist support and guidance throughout your degree and for life after you graduate.

Whether you need help writing a CV, preparing for an interview or exploring career ideas, you can book one-to-one appointments or come along to a workshop. Each term there is also an exciting events schedule, bringing you face-to-face with employers offering real-life insight into their professions.

Find out more about the Careers and Employability Service: www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers

The Nottingham Advantage Award
The award-winning Nottingham Advantage Award recognises and rewards your extracurricular activities. With a choice of over 200 modules, you can hone the key skills employers want. From developing your leadership skills and learning a language to public speaking and volunteering, you will leave university with demonstrable experience that sets you apart from other graduates. For further information, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

Career-focused events
The School of Psychology organises a variety of careers events throughout the year to inform you about career opportunities and help improve your employability. In particular, you will be able to attend symposiums on clinical, health and forensic psychology, meet with recent alumni and attend workshops on postgraduate opportunities.

We hold weekly drop-in sessions with a professional careers adviser, who will be able to answer all your careers questions, discuss your career plans and review your CV, application forms or personal statements. Your tutor will often be able to offer specialised information and support for careers in psychology.

Find out where Nottingham could take you and network with our graduates on LinkedIn.

* The Graduate Market in 2013-2016, High Fliers Research.
** Known destinations of full-time home and EU first-degree graduates, 2013/14.
Imagine... a world beyond your studies

There’s so much for you to get involved in and explore at the University and around the city. Whether you’re interested in sports, learning a language or just having fun with friends alongside studying, you’ll be spoilt for choice.

Getting involved in your Students’ Union
As soon as you start with us, you are automatically enrolled as a member of our Students’ Union. There are hundreds of activities to provide you with the perfect opportunity to take up a new hobby or pursue existing interests. Choose from over 300 student-run societies – including PsychoSoc, the society for university psychologists. Find out more: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk

Sports
The University of Nottingham is one of the UK’s leading universities for sport and is currently ranked 4th in the university sport rankings*. We have one of the biggest portfolios of sports facilities in the country including the brand new £40m David Ross Sports Village. We also have a rich heritage of supporting Olympic medallists and therefore whether you are an elite athlete or simply looking to enjoy sport as a hobby, we can cater for your needs. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/sport

Exploring your new city
Nottingham city centre is just a 10-minute bus ride away from University Park Campus, so you’re always close to the action. For music lovers, you can take your pick from the world-famous Rock City, Motorpoint Arena or one of the smaller gig venues for a more intimate live show. If you enjoy shopping, there are independent boutiques and vintage shops as well as high street names in our large shopping centres. Nottingham is also a hotspot for dining, with a mix of chain and independent cafes, restaurants and delis on offer. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Your new home from home
At Nottingham we offer a wide range of room types on and off campus, in both catered and self-catered accommodation. From standard single rooms with shared bathrooms to large en-suite studios, whatever your budget and preferences, there should be a room to suit you. For a breakdown of pricing and to find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Your opportunity to study abroad
We offer a range of study abroad opportunities with the majority of students having the option to live and study in another country as part of their university career, either at a partner institution or undertaking an overseas work placement. Studying or working abroad is a fantastic opportunity to broaden your horizons, experience different cultures, and develop the key skills that employers are looking for. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/studyabroad

Music
All student musicians at The University of Nottingham are encouraged to get involved with the vibrant musical life on campus. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/music/performance

Learn a language
The University’s Language Centre gives you the opportunity to study a language alongside your course. All languages are offered from beginners’ level with some going up to near native competency. The inter-faculty languages programme offers credited modules, which are free for students if taken as part of your credit allocation (check with your course tutor before you enrol). There are also evening classes that are open to everyone (fee-paying). Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/languagecentre

Your support network
Throughout your university journey there will be numerous people on hand to support and advise you, including tutors and dedicated staff. We have Student Service Centres on all three of our UK campuses, which provide a range of support, information and specialist services. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices

Find out more about Nottingham life: www.nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

* British Universities and Colleges Sport Standings, 2015-16.
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Be all that you can imagine. And more.

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