MSc/PGDip Psychology (Conversion)

Both the MSc and PGDip courses comprise compulsory modules in core areas of biological, cognitive, social and developmental psychology, statistics and research methods, and historical issues in psychology. You also choose 20 credits of elective modules based on our broad third year programme, which includes clinical psychology, forensic and mental health and educational psychology.

The MSc also includes a research project - an independent piece of novel research that you will write up as part of your degree.
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Who should apply?
Aimed at graduates who want a career in psychology, both courses take students from any academic background - arts and sciences. For the MSc you need a 2.1 Honours degree, and no background psychology is required. For the PGDip you need a 2.2 Honours degree. For the PGDip you need a 2.2 Honours degree plus 60 credits of prior psychology which can be obtained via a bridging programme.

Why study this course?
If you want to change direction from your first degree and pursue a career in psychology, this is the course for you. In 2014, 100% of our psychology postgraduates who were available for employment had secured work or further study within six months of graduation.

Course organisation
The PGDip can be undertaken in nine months, and the MSc in twelve months. Both courses are full time.

The taught part of the course comprises lectures, dedicated seminars and laboratory classes. In the final three months MSc students undertake the research project.

How is the course taught and assessed?
Modules are assessed by both course work and examinations, giving you the opportunity to gain experience in a wide variety of scientific communication. Coursework includes practical reports, essays, and for the MSc the written report of your research project.

Fees and funding
Up-to-date fees information and advice on funding opportunities can be found at: www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees

Career opportunities
Both courses are accredited by the British Psychological Society, giving Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership that allows you to practice as a psychologist. Former students have also used the MSc as a route to further academic study, including PhDs.

The University of Nottingham is one of the UK’s 10 universities most targeted by recruiters. The quality of our graduates is widely recognised by employers, and recent graduates have been recruited to a wide range of major national and international organisations in private and public sectors.

How to apply
You can apply online at my.nottingham.ac.uk/pgapps

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“I loved the taught section of the course (though you wouldn’t have caught me dead saying that in the middle of exams). If you have an interest in Psychology without the slightest clue of how to approach it academically, then this course provides the perfect route.”

Stuart Page: MSc Conversion 2015-2016