Forensic psychology programmes

One-year masters (Masters by Research)
Three-year doctorate (DForenPsy)
Two-year top-up doctorate (DForenPsy)

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BPS accredited postgraduate courses in forensic psychology

Overview
Our DForenPsy course enables you to register as a forensic psychologist practitioner with the Health Care and Professions Council (HCP) and chartered membership with the British Psychological Society (BPS) — Forensic Division. You will study in a variety of forensic settings and work with different client groups, giving you a broad range of experience to help you choose your specific career path.

The MSc (by research) Forensic and Criminological Psychology provides comprehensive knowledge in theory and evidence-based practice with victims and offenders.

Content and structure
Year one (BPS stage one equivalent): masters component
In the first year you will study a masters programme consisting of eight modules:
- Theories of Criminal Behaviour
- Forensic Child Psychology
- Forensic Mental Health
- Law and Criminal Justice
- Forensic Organisational Psychology
- Forensic Practice Interventions
- Research Methods and Analyses
- Research Project

On successful completion of the masters component, you may progress on to the doctorate component should you meet 60% overall and 60% in your dissertation or you will exit with a BPS-accredited Masters by Research in Forensic and Criminological Psychology.

The top-up course allows those with a relevant masters and work experience to fast track to years 2 and 3 of the DForenPsy.

Years two and three (BPS stage two equivalent): doctorate component
This component develops core skills and proficiency, research and practice in forensic settings, direct work with clients, including training and interventions, communicating knowledge to other professionals, and treatment and management of individuals.

Four placements are organised in different forensic settings during years two and three, including:
- Mental health
- Intellectual disability
- Community (probation and social work)
- Prisons and young offender institutions
- Criminal justice and legal consultancies
- Law enforcement and police services

You will have 480 days in forensic research and practice, plus 48 hours of supervision from a registered forensic psychologist. This includes a practice portfolio comprising four placement reports, a practice case study, a training report, and a thesis comprising two empirical studies, a systematic review, and a methodological review on an applied forensic topic. This work is completed and marked to a doctoral standard.

Entry requirements
The MSc or DForenPsy requires a 1 or 2:1 BPS-accredited degree in psychology (single or joint honours), or international equivalent. You must be eligible for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBCM) of the BPS. You will also need a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

The top-up DForenPsy requires an accredited masters in forensic, criminological or investigative psychology.

Work in a forensic setting is an essential requirement of 100 days of at least 7 hours per day supervised by a chartered psychologist for the full and top-up DForenPsy.

If your first language is not English you must achieve an overall IELTS score of at least 7.5 with no less than 7.0 in each element.

Important information
Applications are open from 1 December to 31 March.
Course start: Late September
Venue: Jubilee Campus, University of Nottingham, UK

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