School of Psychology
Postgraduate Taught Courses

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Enhance your employment prospects
Research-engaged teaching
Develop your research skills
Innovative learning environment
Overview

Benefit from working alongside academic staff who are undertaking internationally leading research, ensuring our programmes are at the cutting-edge of the latest learning.

Enjoy our excellent lab facilities and equipment for research projects, supported by well-staffed mechanical and electrical workshops. These include a selection of dedicated experimental labs, a library of test materials, and a range of monitoring equipment including video apparatus and eye-tracking equipment.

Research and teaching excellence

In the latest Research Excellent Framework (REF 2014) 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. We also deliver high quality teaching and learning for our students, and consistently exceed rigorous national quality requirements for UK higher education, as recognised by the Gold Teaching Excellence Framework 2017 award and the Quality Mark by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education 2016.

Brain Imaging MSc

This research-led programme provides an in-depth grounding in brain imaging techniques and neuroscience research, and is an excellent pathway for those aiming to pursue a career in scientific and clinical research as well as academia and industry. It is suitable for graduates in psychology, and other subject areas such as neuroscience, medicine or a bioscience discipline as well as those with training in physics, engineering, mathematics, or computer sciences.

The core modules you will study are Functional Imaging Methods, Experimental Design for Functional Imaging, Introduction to MATLAB Programming, Analytical Research Methods, Data Analysis for Neuroimaging, and a Research Placement and linked Research Project. During the research placement and project, you will have the opportunity to use state-of-the-art techniques in brain imaging, psychophysics, advanced data analysis and computational modelling.

The optional modules are tailored to your interests and background, and link to topics in Cognitive Neuroscience, Neuropsychology, and Integrative Neuroscience.

Developmental Disorders MSc

Covering advanced knowledge of psychological aspects of developmental disorders, this course aims to provide a grounding for students who are interested in later studying for a professional qualification in clinical or educational psychology, or a career in research. It is suitable for people who have a background in psychology or a relevant related discipline.

You will develop practical knowledge of aspects of diagnosis and assessment, and therapeutic or educational interventions for developmental disorders, as well as receiving training in research methods.

Topics studied in this course include: Neurodevelopmental Disorders, Psychological Assessment, Developmental Disorders in Context, Childhood Clinical and Behavioural Disorders, Advanced Methods in Psychology, Professional Skills, and a Research Project.

Psychology (Conversion Course) PGDip I MSc

This course is a postgraduate conversion course for students who wish to pursue an academic or professional career in psychology but either do not have a first degree in psychology, or do not have eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) from the British Psychological Society.

You will study the following core modules: Conceptual and Historical Issues in Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Practical Methods, Statistical Methods, Neuroscience and Behaviour, Personality and Individual Differences, and Social and Developmental Psychology. In addition you will also choose from a range of optional modules. Some examples of these modules are: Cognitive Development and Autism, Educational Psychology, Forensic and Mental Health, Neuropsychology and Applied Neuroimaging, Psychology of Ageing and Older People, Cognition in the Real World, and Mechanisms of Learning and Psychopathology. Students undertaking the MSc will also complete an independent research project. Both the Diploma and MSc offer the basis for GBC from the British Psychological Society.

Psychology Research Methods MSc

Providing a broad education in psychological research methods, this course acts as the first part of a training programme leading to a PhD, a career in research in business or the public sector, or working with evidence based policy. It is suitable for people who have some background in research methods, either via a degree in psychology or a related discipline such as social science or neuroscience. You will gain an understanding of the range of research methods, both qualitative and quantitative, that are used in psychological research, and develop skills in critically evaluating psychological research methods and various forms of data used in psychological research.

You will study core modules: Psychological Research in Context, Professional Skills, Advanced Methods in Psychology, and Empirical Research Project (Psychology). You will have the opportunity to select optional modules relevant to your career plans, including research internships, advanced statistics or specialised research methods such as interviewing or working with children.
Advance your career

Rewarding careers exist in clinical, health, educational, and occupational psychology, and criminology, while others move into further research study or careers in industry, charities, healthcare or public sector research.

Psychologists are also welcome in many other contexts, such as human resource and general management, marketing, and as members of research or design teams producing new products.

In 2016, 97.7% of postgraduates from the school who were available for employment had secured work or further study within six months of graduation. The average starting salary was £29,212 with the highest being £50,000.*

* Known destinations of full-time home postgraduates 2015/16. Salaries are calculated based on the median of those in full-time paid employment within the UK.

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Research themes

- Accident Research Unit
- Behavioural Neuroscience
- Cognition and Language
- Human Development and Learning
- Perception and Action
- Personality, Social Psychology and Health
- Visual Neuroscience

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Meet our researchers

Denis Schluppeck, Associate Professor
The aim of my research is to understand how we use our senses of vision and touch to gather information about the world and how we use that information to make decisions. We are trying to build up a better understanding of how sensory information is processed in the healthy brain, which in turn will help us understand what goes wrong in brain trauma following stroke or neurological diseases.

Ellen Townsend, Professor
Each year approximately 200,000 episodes of self-harm are seen in general hospitals in England and Wales and many more hidden episodes occur in the community. My research focuses on the psychological factors associated with self-harm and suicidality, and interventions that promote recovery, especially in young people.

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