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Forensic psychology postgraduate courses

One-year masters (Masters by Research)

Three-year doctorate (DForenPsy)

Two-year top-up doctorate (DForenPsy)

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BPS accredited
and HCPC
approved



Experience
a variety of
forensic settings



Research
and practice
methods



Collaboration with
the Institute of
Mental Health





BPS and HCPC accredited courses in forensic psychology

Overview

Our **DForenPsy** course enables you to register as a forensic psychologist practitioner with the Health Care and Professions Council (HCPC) 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, recognised by the BPS as conferring Stage I.

Work in a forensic setting is an essential requirement of 100 days supervised by a chartered psychologist for the full and top-up **DForenPsy**. No experience is required for the **MSc**.

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.

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Important information

Applications are open all year.

Course start: Late September

Venue: Jubilee Campus, University of Nottingham, UK

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