

MSc in Psychology Research Methods

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Overview

This course provides you with the very best training in psychological research methods and is excellent preparation for application to PhD and other research careers. Based in our dedicated psychology building, you will benefit from a broad field of expertise and you will learn about a wide range of methods used in contemporary psychology.

The course provides a solid basis in widely used methods and techniques in experimental and applied psychology. These include psychophysics, qualitative methods, statistical analyses, research ethics and research design.

Content

The course is structured around a set of core modules that teach essential skills and methods, and optional modules that allow you to tailor it to your own interests and goals.

On this course, you will:

- Gain a broad understanding of methods, both qualitative and quantitative, that are used in psychological research
- Get the opportunity to develop skills in literature searching and reviewing
- Conduct an original piece of research that suits your interests

Support and assessment

Methods of assessment are varied and include written examinations, coursework, oral presentation and project work. Academic support is provided by the convenor of each module. In addition, students are allocated a personal tutor to provide pastoral support.

Structure

The MSc Psychology Research methods is based on two taught semesters of full-time study, from late September to mid June, plus the summer period, ending in September, when an empirical research project is undertaken. The course can also be based on two years of part-time study.

Modules

Typical modules include:

- Psychological Research in Context
- Professional Skills
- Research Internship
- Advanced Methods in Psychology
- Empirical Research Project (Psychology)

Entry requirements

You would normally need a 2.1 (Upper second class or international equivalent). Students must also have experience in research methods or statistics, and ideally a background in psychology or a related discipline such as neuroscience or social sciences.

If English is not your first language, you must achieve IELTS 6.5 (with no less than 6.0 in any element).

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