The psychology course at Nottingham is fantastically structured, allows access to state-of-the-art facilities and provides the opportunity for you to study in Malaysia. The content covers a variety of areas within psychology, so there’s something for everyone. My favourite topic has been the biological module, as I am fascinated by the human brain and how it relates to behaviour.

Izzy Dean, BSc Psychology

*Research Excellence Framework (for psychology, psychiatry and neuroscience), 2014.

*Known destinations of full-time home undergraduates who were available for work 2016/17.
Our courses

Degree title | UCAS code | Duration | A levels | IB |
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Single honours | | | | |
BSc Psychology | C800 | 3 years | AAB\(^n\) | 36-34\(^n\)\(^m\) |
BSc Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience | C850 | 3 years | AAB\(^n\) | 36-34\(^n\)\(^m\) |
MSci Psychology | C803 | 4 years | AAA\(^n\)\(^m\) | 36-34\(^n\)\(^m\) |

\(^n\) Including one science subject (psychology, geography, and maths are accepted), plus GCSE in English and maths at 5 or above. Candidates without an A level in a science subject may be asked to attain AAA.

\(^m\) With at least 6, 6, 5 at Higher Level.

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Foundation courses
Applicants who are not eligible for direct entry to undergraduate study may be able to apply for a foundation course. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/foundationcourses

English language requirements
IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element). For details of other English language tests and qualifications we accept, please see nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements

Academic English preparation
If you require additional support to take your language skills to the required level, you may be able to attend a presessional course at the Centre for English Language Education, which is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK.

Students who successfully complete the presessional course to the required level can progress onto their chosen degree course without retaking IELTS or equivalent. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/cele

What’s an MSci?
MSci degrees are undergraduate-level courses which last for four years and have an integrated masters qualification. They are the equivalent to a bachelors degree plus a masters level qualification. These courses usually provide additional research experience to enhance your future prospects. An MSci is excellent preparation for further study such as a PhD.

If you choose to study an MSci, your student loan will cover tuition fees and living costs for the additional year too (home/EU students only). If you are unsure on whether to choose an MSci or BSc, we recommend you choose the MSci to secure your funding. Transfer to the BSc is usually possible.

Why study with us?

Studying psychology at Nottingham

Psychology is the scientific study of brain and behaviour, and is one of the most exciting, relevant and rapidly changing fields of study. It encompasses the perceptions, thoughts, feelings and actions of people from infancy to old age, as well as related phenomena in groups, organisations and societies, animals, and computers.

Our school community
From the peer mentoring scheme, to our esteemed society PsychoSoc, our students and staff are continually working together to create a friendly, supportive learning environment. Throughout your time at Nottingham you will have a personal tutor, overseeing your academic and personal development.

Research excellence
You will be taught by staff who are research active and, in many cases, international leaders in their fields. In the latest Research Excellence Framework the school was part of a unit of assessment that was ranked in the top 10 in the UK for research power. Read more about our ground-breaking research on page 12.

Professional accreditation
Our BSc Psychology, MSci Psychology, and BSc Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience degrees are accredited by the British Psychological Society. They are also designed in line with Quality Assurance Agency’s benchmark statements for Psychology.

nottingham.ac.uk/psychology

nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/psychology
BSc Psychology

Our programmes are designed to offer you a structured introduction to key topics in psychology, and the opportunity to acquire and develop the fundamental skills of a psychologist.

Year one
In your first year we begin with the core areas of biological, cognitive, developmental and social psychology. Your modules will cover theoretical principles as well as the applied aspects of these subjects – for example in education, engineering and clinical settings.

Lectures and seminars on these core areas are complemented by a module in statistical methods of analysis and a practical methods module, which will teach you how to carry out psychological experiments. In addition, you will be able to choose a number of modules from programmes across the University.

Year two
Psychology modules follow on from the first year, tackling topics in greater depth. In addition to pursuing core modules you will also continue your training in research methods.

Greater independence in undertaking research is expected, and you will take part in practical sessions over a series of five-week group projects. Further modules in statistics develop your skills.

Year three
In your final year you are able to tailor the course to your personal interests by choosing from a wide range of optional modules. These options include branches of applied psychology such as clinical psychology, forensic and mental health, neuroscience or educational psychology, as well as advanced options dealing with topics of current importance in research.

You will also have the opportunity to complete a large-scale, independent research project. You’ll design and carry out the research yourself, with help and guidance from your project supervisor.

Typical modules

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The University of Nottingham is definitely a diverse and fully inclusive place to study. Through living and studying here I have gained so much experience, many friendships, and have received an ongoing level of teaching that is second to none. The School of Psychology staff are approachable, engaging and enthusiastic. They continually drive both my own and my peers’ desire to study, and to succeed in both our psychology degree and future.

Emily Gallagher
BSc Psychology

nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/psychology
BSc Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience

Cognitive neuroscience is the study of the ways in which our brains support our thoughts, feelings and actions. You will develop an in-depth understanding of psychology, knowledge about brain structure and function, as well as ways of measuring brain activity.

This course links cognitive neuroscience practicals and modules with core elements of our BSc Psychology course.

Year one
In your first year you will study the same psychology topics in the same classes as your peers on the BSc Psychology course. In addition, you will be able to choose modules in other disciplines, such as biology or neuroscience.

Year two
In addition to core psychology modules, in the second year there is a module in specialised research methods, which will introduce you to a range of cognitive neuroscience methods such as functional magnetic resonance imaging, magnetoencephalography, electroencephalography, and transcranial magnetic stimulation.

Year three
During the third year you will focus on understanding the relationships between our brains, our mental lives, and our behaviours. Advanced modules in cognitive neuroscience are offered, covering areas including learning, memory, perception, action, typical and atypical development and the brain basis of psychological disorders. Your research project can also be tailored to your interests.

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The campus has a very welcoming environment which really inspires me to achieve. I volunteer weekly at a brain injury rehabilitation centre, which has been a great way to explore my interests further. I chose to study psychology at Nottingham because it provided the opportunity to study at another campus overseas. This was one of the best decisions I have ever made!

Sabrina Liew,
BSc Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience

nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/psychology
MSci Psychology

Our four-year MSci course is designed for students considering a career in research.

The course is intellectually challenging and benefits from the strong research culture in our school. The teaching programme will provide you with a deep understanding of psychological theories and concepts, and the knowledge, analytical tools and skills you need to evaluate and conduct empirical research.

Year one to three
You will follow the BSc Psychology or BSc Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience programme.

Year four
In the fourth year, you will be able to choose from a number of advanced modules, such as Research Methods, Functional Imaging Methods, and Professional Skills. You will also have the opportunity to complete extended research projects spanning the third and final years of your four-year course.

We believe that conducting research on the same project over years three and four will be advantageous if you decide to apply for a PhD place on completion of your MSci.

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Our research

Research in our school is diverse and covers four key topics. We have many links with other academic schools and institutes in Nottingham and at other prestigious universities. The school also works closely with business partners and charities. All of these partnerships provide opportunities for exciting and innovative research projects.

Our four core areas of research are:

**Behavioural neuroscience**
We investigate fundamental learning and memory processes. We apply our work to understand the causes of conditions such as schizophrenia with a view to ultimately developing interventions that will help people with neurological and psychological conditions.

**Cognition and cognitive neuroscience**
We study mental functions such as perception, memory, language and emotions, and investigate how they are supported by our brains. We do this by combining psychological assessments and tests with cutting edge techniques for measuring and stimulating human brain activity.

**Human development and learning**
We study the processes underlying learning and cognitive development. The school has particular strengths in the study of typically developing children, and children and adults with autism and Asperger’s syndrome. We work with schools, charities and support groups to ensure that our work is relevant to their concerns and needs, and we share our knowledge with them.

**Personality, social psychology and health**
We examine how the roles played by the thoughts, feelings, attitudes and actions of individuals and groups influence decision-making, particularly in relation to health behaviours, pro- and anti-social actions and risk-taking.

**Be a part of our research**
Cutting-edge research makes the University an attractive place to work for lecturers who are experts in their field. You will benefit from our teaching staff's passion for and commitment to what they do. As you progress into your own research projects, you will be surrounded by experts who can advise and inspire you.

nottingham.ac.uk/psychology/research
Engaging study, incredible results

Group teaching sizes are small enough for us to know all of our students as individuals and the total class size is large enough to allow us to offer a wide range of modules, meaning that you will be able to tailor your degree to your specific interests.

Teaching
We use a variety of teaching methods ranging from lectures covering the fundamentals of psychology to practical classes and methods workshops, in which we will help you to develop the skills necessary to conduct hands on psychological research. Interactive small-group sessions run throughout the course. These will support your learning by linking to the lecture content of the modules you are taking.

Personal tutor
At the start of your course you will be assigned a personal tutor who you will meet regularly in a small group. This is an opportunity for you to develop transferable skills such as essay writing, critical thinking and presentation skills. Seminars are also a chance for you to work with your fellow students.

Research projects
Practical sessions will run in the first and second years, and will encourage you to develop your skills as an independent researcher.

In the third year, you will complete a large scale independent research project, where you will take the initiative in designing and carrying out the research yourself with help and guidance from your project supervisor. These are high-calibre pieces of work, some of which go on to be published in scientific journals.

Practical experience
Throughout the course, you will have many opportunities to participate in mentoring schemes plus scientific and public engagement activities. In the second year, you will be able to apply for a paid summer internship within the school, allowing you to gain academic and practical research experience and occasionally have your name included on a published scientific article.

How will I be assessed?
Our courses are assessed in a variety of ways, including written exams, coursework assignments, dissertations, essays, oral presentations, posters and laboratory reports. The degree classification is based on marks gained from all but the first year of study.

Develop transferable skills including oral and written communication, data processing and interpretation, and presentation techniques.
Outstanding careers support

As a Nottingham psychology graduate you will be well prepared for a wide range of employment and postgraduate study opportunities. The skills you’ll develop will provide an excellent basis for many careers, including management, social work, teaching, marketing, and advertising. Our undergraduate courses also provide an excellent grounding for a research career or professional postgraduate training in areas of applied psychology, and approximately half of our students continue in the discipline after graduation.

£17,775 was the average starting salary.*

Recent graduate destinations include the fields of:
- Clinical psychology
- Counselling psychology
- Educational psychology
- Forensic psychology
- Sport and exercise psychology

Outstanding careers support

Amplify your potential

Whether you already have a plan or need some inspiration, your Careers and Employability Service is here to help. Academic excellence and employability go hand in hand at Nottingham. Your course, and the diverse student experiences we offer, will enable you to develop the skills and professional competencies required to thrive in the job market of the future.

We will help you explore your options, so you feel confident making choices about what you want to achieve. Our team will support you as you build your CV, search for jobs, prepare applications, practise your interview technique, and much more.

Our careers team are on hand to offer advice and guidance after you graduate.

Get the Advantage

The career-enhancing Nottingham Advantage Award recognises and rewards your extracurricular activities. With a choice of over 200 modules, you can hone the key skills employers are looking for. From developing your leadership skills and learning a language to public speaking and volunteering, you will leave university with demonstrable experience that sets you apart from other graduates. For further information, visit nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

Career-focused events

The School of Psychology organises a variety of careers events throughout the year to inform you about career opportunities and help improve your employability. You will be able to attend symposia on clinical, health and forensic psychology, meet with recent alumni and attend workshops on postgraduate opportunities.

We hold weekly drop-in sessions with a professional careers adviser, who will be able to answer all your careers questions, discuss your career plans and review your CV, application forms or personal statements.

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How to apply

All applications for full-time undergraduate study at Nottingham, including applications by international students, must be made through UCAS.

You can apply online at ucas.com and will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track.

Your personal statement
This is the section of your UCAS form that tells us most about you, and you should make the best use of it. Be as specific and detailed as you can – we would like to see that you are a student who can work hard, be self-motivated and make the best possible use of the opportunities that our courses offer you. We would also like to hear about any skills you have gained through extracurricular activities.

Minimum entry requirements
Unless otherwise stated in individual course profiles, all UK applicants should have GCSE English grade 4 (C) as a minimum.

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level and International Baccalaureate entry requirements but we accept a much broader range of qualifications. For more details, visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Flexible admissions policy
In recognition of our applicants’ varied experience and educational pathways, we employ a flexible admissions policy. If we judge that your situation has adversely affected your achievement, then we will consider this when assessing your academic potential. Some courses may make a slightly lower offer. For more information about this policy, see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature students, who are defined as 21 years old and over. You should apply through UCAS. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/mature

International applicants
The University provides a range of information and advice for international applicants. If you are unable to attend an open day, we can meet you in your country at one of our overseas events or arrange an individual visit to the University. For further information please visit nottingham.ac.uk/international

Deferred entry
Applicants who wish to defer their entry by a year will not be at a disadvantage. Please tell us something about your plans for your gap year in your UCAS personal statement.

Equal opportunities policy
The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socio-economic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

If you wish to declare a disability, please ensure that you have ticked the appropriate box on your UCAS application form. Disclosure of this information will not affect your application.

In 2019/20 the Core Bursary will offer up to £2,000 for each year of undergraduate study.* For more details see: nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

* To eligible home fee status students.
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