

Course Summary: October 9, 2023

Psychology BSc Honours

- UCAS code: **C800**
- Full time
- 3 years

This professionally accredited degree will equip you with an in-depth understanding of the fascinating field of psychology, and how to apply your knowledge in a real-world setting.

You are currently viewing course information for entry year:

Next start date:

- September 2023

Fees (per year)

- Home: **£9250**
- International: **£25800**

Entry requirements and offers

- A-Level: **AAA**
- IB: **35 points**

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UCAS Institution name and code:

- NEWC / N21

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Course overview

This three-year Psychology BSc Honours degree will give you a headstart in your professional career. With a unique range of professional pathways and hands-on learning, you're able to shape your undergraduate degree.

Your teaching will be informed by internationally recognised research and delivered in our brand new building. You'll have access to purpose-built, state-of-the-art facilities, which include:

- a forensic interviewing suite
- a nutrition and food preference unit
- a media and behaviour lab
- medical consultation rooms
- psychological testing cubicles

You'll study a broad range of topics, such as social psychology, biological psychology, research methods, individual differences, neuroscience, developmental psychology, and cognitive psychology.

Your course and study experience - disclaimers and terms and conditions

Please rest assured we make all reasonable efforts to provide you with the programmes, services and facilities described. However, it may be necessary to make changes due to significant disruption, for example in response to Covid-19.

View our [Academic experience page](#), which gives information about your

Newcastle University study experience for the academic year 2022-23.

See our [terms and conditions and student complaints information](#), which gives details of circumstances that may lead to changes to programmes, modules or University services.

Quality and ranking

Professional accreditation and recognition

All professional accreditations are reviewed regularly by their professional body.

Modules and learning

Modules

The information below is intended to provide an example of what you will study.

Most degrees are divided into stages. Each stage lasts for one academic year, and you'll complete modules totalling 120 credits by the end of each stage.

Our teaching is informed by research. Course content may change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline, the requirements of external bodies and partners, and student feedback.

Optional module availability

Student demand for optional modules may affect availability.

Full details of the modules on offer will be published through the [Programme Regulations and Specifications](#) ahead of each academic year.

This usually happens in May.

To find out more please [see our terms and conditions](#).

During your first year, you'll receive a broad introduction to core areas of psychology, as well as relevant practical and research methods.

You'll study topics such as development and social psychology, cognitive psychology, sensation and perception, and the history of psychology.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Psychological Enquiry 1 - Psychological Literacy and Academic Skills	10
Cognitive Psychology	10
Sensation and Perception	10
History of Psychology	10
Personality and Mental Health	10
Research Methods and Data Analysis A	20
Research Methods and Data Analysis B	20
Principles of Evolution, Genetics and Behavioural Development	10
Foundations in Social Psychology	10
Foundations in Developmental Psychology	10

In Stage 2, you'll start to specialise in the areas that interest you most.

Alongside core topics including developmental psychology, individual differences, biological psychology, and statistics for experimental psychology, you'll be able to choose from optional modules such as perception, animal cognition, and clinical psychology.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
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Developmental Psychology	10
Social Psychology	10
Individual Differences	10
Biological Psychology: Sex, Drugs, Rhythms and Blues	10
Psychological Enquiry 2: Principles of Psychology	10
Methods in Psychology 2B	10
Statistics for Empirical Psychology	10
Methods in Psychology 2A	10
Optional Modules	Credits
Career Development for second year students	20
Perception	10
Cognitive Neuroscience	10
The Body, the Mind, and the Self- Interoception in Health and Clinical Psychology	10
Research Skills and Development	20
Introduction to Comparative Cognition and Behaviour	10
Pathways and Therapies in Clinical Psychology	10

In Stage 3, you'll be able to focus on your chosen specialist area.

You'll design and carry out your own empirical study in an area of psychology that particularly interests you.

You'll also have the opportunity to explore further areas of interest, including the psychology of religion, the damaged brain, foundations in forensic psychology, psychology for sport performance, and consumer psychology. There are no

module restrictions, allowing you to study areas that will prepare you for the next steps in your chosen career.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Psychological Enquiry 3: Psychological Literacy and Professional Skills	10
Empirical Project	30
Optional Modules	Credits
Career Development for final year students	20
Consumer Psychology	20
Art, Mind and Brain	10
To Cheat or not to Cheat: The Evolution of Cooperative Behaviour	10
The Damaged Brain: Case Studies in Neuropsychology	10
Psychology of Religion	20
Foundations in Forensic and Criminal Psychology	20
The Psychology of Teaching and Learning	20
Eating and Weight Disorders	20
Clinical Sport & Exercise Psychology	20
Psychobiology of Drug Addiction	10
Sex Differences and the Brain	10
Cultural and Technical Intelligence: Developmental and Comparative Perspectives	10
Psychology for Sport Performance	20

Advanced statistics for Empirical Psychology	10
Evolution of Brain and Behaviour	20
Making Sense of Forgotten Senses: Investigating Olfaction and Gustation	20
Neurodiversity of Development	20

Information about these graphs

We base these figures and graphs on the most up-to-date information available to us. They are based on the modules chosen by our students in 2022-23.

Teaching time is made up of:

- scheduled learning and teaching activities. These are timetabled activities with a member of staff present.
- structured guided learning. These are activities developed by staff to support engagement with module learning. Students or groups of students undertake these activities without direct staff participation or supervision

Teaching and assessment

Teaching methods

You'll be taught through a combination of:

- lectures
- seminars
- lab sessions
- practical sessions
- field work

Assessment methods

You'll be assessed through a combination of:

- Assessments

- Assignments – written or fieldwork
- Case studies
- Coursework
- Dissertation or research project
- Essays
- Examinations – practical or online
- Group work
- Practical sessions
- Presentations
- Projects
- Reflective report/journal
- Reports
- Seminar tasks/exercises

Skills and experience

Practical skills

The vast majority of modules will involve practical lab work in our state-of-the-art. You'll learn how to formulate theories, conduct experiments, use statistical techniques, and write up research reports.

From your first year, you'll also participate in staff and student psychology projects and carry out fieldwork.

Business skills

Our modules focus on psychological literacy, this prepares you with the knowledge of how to apply psychology in a real-world setting, readying for a career in the field.

Research skills

In stages 1 and 2, you'll complete Research Methods and Skills modules, in which you'll develop as an independent researcher.

In Stage 3, you'll put these skills into practice, completing a comprehensive

research project in an area of your choice.

You'll also have the opportunity to gain additional research outside your course, including the School's certified research apprenticeship scheme.

Opportunities

Work placement

Get career ready with a work placement and leave as a confident professional in your field. You can apply to spend 9 to 12 months working in any organisation in the world, and receive University support from our dedicated team to secure your dream placement. Work placements take place between stages 2 and 3.

You'll gain first-hand experience of working in the sector, putting your learning into practice and developing your professional expertise.

If you choose to take a work placement, it will extend your degree by a year. Your degree title will show you have achieved the placement year. Placements are subject to availability.

[Find out more about work placements.](#)

Facilities and environment

Facilities

As a psychology student at Newcastle University, you'll be based in the School of Psychology's Dame Margaret Barbour Building, in the University's city-centre campus.

As well as having great access to University facilities like its libraries, student's union and sports centre, the School of Psychology is less than 10 minutes' walk from Newcastle city centre.

You'll also have access to our excellent practical facilities in the School, such as:

- a forensic interviewing suite
- a nutrition and food preference unit
- a media and behaviour lab
- medical consultation rooms
- psychological testing cubicles

Support

You will have an academic member of staff as a personal tutor throughout your degree. They can help with academic and personal issues.

All first-year psychology students join a study group of approximately 10 students, led by an experienced and trained final-year student who will also act as your mentor for your first year.

Your future

Opportunities for diverse career paths

Recent graduates have secured employment in areas such as clinical psychology, forensic psychology, and educational psychology, in companies such as NHS, Home Office, HMRC, Prison Service, and local, national, and international charities.

Many of our graduates embark on further study, including master's degrees and PHDs in areas such as forensics, sports and exercise, medicine, clinical psychology, and teacher training.

As a psychology graduate, you'll also be incredibly versatile, with plenty of transferable skills, including analytical thinking, research skills, strategy development, problem solving, and content writing skills. Many graduates go on to careers in teaching, marketing, and financial services.

Make a difference

Careers support

Our award-winning Careers Service is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong links with employers. We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through our ncl+ initiative.

[Visit our Careers Service website](#)

Recognition of professional qualifications outside of the UK

From 1 January 2021 there is an update to the way professional qualifications are recognised by countries outside of the UK

[Check the government's website for more information.](#)

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www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate
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www.ncl.ac.uk/lovenewcastle
- Visit **www.ncl.ac.uk/tour** to take virtual tours of the campus and city
- Book for an Open Day to come and see us in person
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