

Course Summary: March 27, 2026

## 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: **2026**

Next start date:

- September 2026

### Tuition fees (Year 1)

- Home: **£9,790**
- International: **£30,900**

### Entry requirements and offers

- A-Level: **AAB**
- IB: **34 points**

**UCAS Institution name and code:**

- NEWC / N21

## Undergraduate Open Day

Start your university journey. Find where you belong. Friday, June 26 (9:00-16:00)  
Saturday, June 27 (9:00-16:00)

[Book your place now](#)

## Course overview

This three-year Psychology BSc Honours degree will give you a head start in your professional career. With a unique range of professional pathways and hands-on learning, you're able to shape your undergraduate degree. You will also have the opportunity to complete a placement or study abroad year. You can apply for this after you have completed your first year.

Your teaching will be informed by internationally recognised research, much of which is delivered in the purpose-built, state-of-the-art Dame Margaret Barbour building where facilities include:

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

You'll initially study a broad range of topics. These cover the core areas of psychology such as social psychology, biological psychology, research methods, individual differences, cognitive psychology and developmental psychology. As you progress through the degree you will be able to focus more on your specific

interests, with optional modules that represent the expertise of our staff.

A degree from the School of Psychology truly provides an education for life. We train our students to think critically about evidence and the world around them. We also train them to be ethical psychologists and ethical citizens.

We provide evidence-based extracurricular opportunities to help students develop personal and professional skills. Our peer-led anti-perfectionism workshops draw on the expertise of our sports psychology team. The aim is to reduce detrimental perfectionistic tendencies in students.

To achieve graduate level skills, our programme will push you beyond your comfort zone as you adapt to new and independent ways of teaching and learning.

### **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 2025-26.

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. You'll also develop core skills in research methods, data analysis and psychological literacy.

You'll study topics such as:

- developmental psychology
- social psychology
- cognitive psychology

- sensation and perception
- evolution and genetics
- individual differences
- mental health

## Modules

<b>Compulsory Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Cognitive Psychology	10
Sensation and Perception	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
Psychological Enquiry 1: Academic Skills and Historical Perspectives - An introduction to Psychology	20

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

You'll study core topics including:

- developmental psychology
- individual differences
- biological psychology
- social psychology
- cognitive psychology
- research methods and data analysis

You'll also be able to choose from optional modules covering topics such as:

- perception
- evolution and behaviour
- animal cognition
- clinical psychology
- health psychology

## Modules

<b>Compulsory Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Developmental Psychology	10
Social Psychology	10
Individual Differences	10
Biological Psychology: Sex, Drugs, Rhythms and Blues	10
Psychological Enquiry 2: Principles of Psychology	10
Cognitive Neuroscience	10
Research Methods in Psychology 2a	10
Research Methods in Psychology 2b	10
Research Methods in Psychology 2c	10
Research Methods in Psychology 2d	10
<b>Optional Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Perception	10
Introduction to Comparative Cognition and Behaviour	10
Pathways and Therapies in Clinical Psychology	10
Psychology for Sport Performance	10

In Stage 3, you can tailor your degree using a variety of optional modules.

You'll design and carry out your own empirical study with expert-led supervision in an area of psychology.

You'll also have the opportunity to explore further areas of interest including:

- the psychology of religion
- the damaged brain
- psychology for sport performance
- neurodiversity of development
- consumer psychology

There are no module restrictions, allowing you to study areas that interest you the most, preparing you for the next steps in your chosen career.

## Modules

<b>Compulsory Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Psychological Enquiry 3: Psychological Literacy and Professional Skills	10
Empirical Project	30
<b>Optional Modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Career Development for final year students	20
Consumer Psychology	20
Psychology of Religion and Spirituality	20
Foundations in Forensic and Criminal Psychology	20
The Psychology of Teaching and Learning	20
Clinical Sport & Exercise Psychology	20
Evolution of Brain and Behaviour	20

Making Sense of Forgotten Senses: Investigating Olfaction and Gustation	20
Neurodiversity of Development	20
Advanced Statistics for Empirical Psychology	20
The Damaged Brain: Case Studies in Neuropsychology	20
Decision Making and Cooperation: Understanding Our Choices	20
Art, Mind and Brain	20
Shared Minds: Culture, collaboration, and creativity in humans and other animals	20

## Teaching and assessment

### Teaching methods

You'll be taught through a combination of:

- lectures
- seminars
- workshops
- computer based lab sessions
- practical sessions
- field work

### Assessment methods

You'll be assessed through a combination of:

- Case studies
- Dissertation or research project
- Essays

- Examinations – practical or online
- Group work
- Presentations
- Reflective report/journal
- Reports
- Seminar tasks/exercises

## Skills and experience

In addition to the key concepts and principles of Psychology, our programme provides you with a broad range of graduate skills known as Psychological Literacy. You'll be able to transfer these skills to professional, societal and personal settings.

### Psychological Literacy

You'll learn research related skills including how to:

- formulate hypotheses and research questions
- carry out psychological research
- utilise the management and visualisation of data sets
- use appropriate data analysis methods
- write up research reports

Through our School's work on humanising our psychology curriculum, you will develop your ethical understanding and intercultural competence. You'll do this both as a scientist and as a citizen. You'll learn how to apply critical thinking and problem solving skills, and develop the capacity to self-reflect.

## Opportunities

### Professional Placements

Subject to eligibility, students can apply for a professional placement between Stage 2 and Stage 3 of their programme. The School of Psychology placement

team secure and advertise a wide range of placements. Examples of previous placements have been in the NHS Foundation Trust, Northumbria Police, University research institutes and local mental health support charities. National placement opportunities are also advertised, for example, at Great Ormond Street Hospital. If successful in being offered a placement, students are supported by the placement team whilst preparing for and undertaking their placement. Placements are an excellent opportunity for students to apply the knowledge and skills they have learned in a practical context. They are an opportunity to gain an important advantage in a competitive job market.

## Study Abroad

As part of your psychology degree, you have the opportunity to study abroad for a year at a University in a different country. Currently, we have partnership agreements with Universities in North America, Canada and Sweden. We are also continually expanding our global study opportunities. The international study year takes place between Stages 2 and 3. To join the international study you need to apply for a place and numbers are limited.

[Find out more information on studying abroad.](#) Further information will also be provided during your course.

## Careers Placements

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. You'll 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 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.

# Facilities and environment

## Facilities

As a psychology student at Newcastle University, you'll be based in the School of Psychology in the Ridley 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 and all of its shops, restaurants, cafes and bars.

You'll also have access to our excellent practical facilities, 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 students join a study group of approximately 15 students, led by an experienced and trained final-year Psychology student who will also act as your Peer Mentor for your first year.

## Your future

### Opportunities for diverse career paths

As a psychology graduate, you'll be incredibly versatile. You'll have plenty of transferable skills, including analytical thinking, research skills, strategy development, problem solving, and content writing skills. Recent graduates have

gone on to secure employment in areas of professional psychology, such as clinical psychology, forensic psychology, and educational psychology. These have been in organisations such as the NHS, the 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 of psychology and related disciplines. Some go on to pursue careers in academia and research.

The versatility of psychology graduates means that many graduates go on to work in a variety of fields. They include:

- teaching
- consumer behaviour
- data analysis and research
- human resources
- charities
- financial services

## Make a difference

### Careers support

Our 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

If you're studying an **accredited degree** and thinking about working in Europe after you graduate, the best place to find current information is the [UK Government's guidance on recognition of UK professional qualifications in EU](#)

[member states](#). This official resource explains whether your profession is regulated in another country, what steps you need to take, and which organisation you should contact.

## Find out more...

- Go online for information about our full range of degrees:  
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- Watch videos about student life in Newcastle by visiting our YouTube channel at **[www.youtube.com/@newcastleuni](http://www.youtube.com/@newcastleuni)**
- Watch a virtual tour of our campus at  
**<https://youtu.be/vJUfHcqB7l8?si=8lUrf7kTxXbgdfr1>**
- Book for an Open Day to come and see us in person  
**[www.ncl.ac.uk/openday](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/openday)**
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