PSYCHOLOGY
BSc/BA (Hons)

ARE YOU STIRLING?
WHY STUDY PSYCHOLOGY?

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. You will investigate how and why humans (and other animals) behave as they do, and learn about the mental processes driving these behaviours. As you’ll discover, Psychology covers topics as diverse as brain functioning, development, social behavior and aging.

Stirling Psychology sits at the cutting edge of inter-disciplinary scientific research, with a focus on important societal problems – from detection of criminals to improvement of health outcomes – ensuring that our degrees are relevant to real-life issues. In addition, project work, opportunities to study abroad and hands-on practical work all provide great insight into real-world use of Psychology.

REASONS TO CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1 INNOVATIVE
Psychology at Stirling won the British Psychological Society’s Award for Innovation in Psychology Programmes for our student-led teaching initiatives and commitment to integrating employability into our programmes.

2 EXCELLENT
Our teaching was rated as ‘Excellent’ in the last national teaching assessment, and has received commendations from both the British Psychology Society and independent external assessors.

3 IMPACTFUL
Our academic staff are internationally leading researchers in their own fields of interest. In the most recent REF (Research Excellence Framework – a national assessment of UK research) Psychology at Stirling was rated top in the UK for International quality research with Impact – we do research that makes a real difference in the wider world.

89.0% OF STIRLING PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS EXPRESSED OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH THE QUALITY OF THEIR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN THE MOST RECENT NATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY

COURSE DETAILS

Psychology at Stirling is internationally renowned for high-quality research and this feeds into our teaching. In taught modules you will learn how research furthers our understanding of mind and behavior. In practical work you will develop your own research skills.

YEAR 1-3

Other modules on this course may include: Research Methods, Social Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Individual Differences, Cognition, Animal Behaviour and Clinical and Health Psychology.

FINAL YEAR
The final year of our Single Honours Programme is focused around an individual research project – doing cutting edge research, supervised by an academic mentor. Taught modules are chosen from a wide variety of ‘electives’ that are designed to allow you to explore topics that interest you and build your employability skills. There are also opportunities for placements with prospective employers, and for engaging in student-led teaching. At the end of your final year, you will do a completely independent research project, based in the real world, demonstrating your knowledge and skills as a psychologist.
“Studying psychology at Stirling has allowed me to flourish in my communication, intellectual and organisational skills, as well as strengthened my confidence, preparing me for my future career aspirations.”

Lindsay Collins, BSc Hons Psychology

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

We encourage students to be active learners, working with academic staff as collaborators, and developing a portfolio of skills and experiences that are attractive to prospective employers. As a result, Psychology degrees lead to a wide range of careers (with only around 20% of graduates employed in specialisms such as Clinical, Educational, Health and Forensic Psychology). Studying psychology provides training in a range of key employability skills, including interpersonal and communication skills, numeracy and computer literacy, presentation and time management skills and critical thinking.

“I like how there have been so many opportunities to get experience... I have been helping with research since the end of year 1, I had a summer internship programme, a placement ... everything to boost my employability, which I find amazing.”

Eszter Karath, BSc Hons Psychology

The Psychology Single Honours and all Psychology Combined Honours degree courses are accredited as conferring eligibility for Graduate Basis for Registration with the British Psychological Society, provided the minimum standard of a Second Class Honours is achieved. This is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

PSYCHOLOGY AT STIRLING IS "AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE STUDENT-LED TEACHING EXPERIENCE BOTH IN THE CONTEXT OF THE WIDER UNIVERSITY, AND IN PSYCHOLOGY ACROSS THE UK."

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PSYCHOLOGY BSc C800
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PSYCHOLOGY BA C801
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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

YEAR 1 ENTRY –
FOUR-YEAR HONOURS
SQA Highers:
ABBB – one sitting
AABB – two sittings
GCE A-levels:
BBB
IB Diploma:
32
BTEC (Level 3):
DDM

YEAR 2 ENTRY –
THREE-YEAR HONOURS
SQA Adv Highers:
ABB
GCE A-levels:
ABB
IB Diploma:
35
Essential subjects:
To include Psychology.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
Scottish HNC/HND:
Minimum entry: Bs in graded units.
Advanced entry:
Please visit: http://stir.ac.uk/ay
Essential subjects:
As listed above or equivalent.
Access courses and other UK/EU and international

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
General entry requirements apply. Please visit: http://stir.ac.uk/av

PART TIME, ADVANCED ENTRY AND STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS AVAILABLE
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### COMPULSORY MODULES


### COMBINED DEGREES

Psychology can be studied with: Biology; Business Studies; English Studies; European Language (French or Spanish); Film and Media; Human Resource Management; Marketing; Mathematics; Philosophy; Politics; Sociology; Sports Studies

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