PSYCHOLOGY
BSc/BA (Hons)

ARE YOU STIRLING?
WHY STUDY PSYCHOLOGY?

Psychology at the University of Stirling is well resourced with a vibrant and active research focus. It has outstanding laboratory space fitted with high-quality equipment. It has excellent computing infrastructure, and both research and teaching activities are supported by in-house technical staff, including dedicated computing, programming, electronic and audio-video expertise.

We received the inaugural Award for Innovation in Psychology Programmes from the British Psychological Society for our innovative student-led teaching initiatives and commitment to integrating employability throughout our degree courses.

In our last accreditation review, the British Psychological Society described us as “at the forefront of the student-led teaching experience in psychology across the UK”.

REASONS TO CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1 HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE
You will get hands-on experience in designing and conducting a number of experiments, individually or in groups researching:
- human electrophysiology (EEG/ERPs)
- health research (including GSR and heart rate monitoring)
- face research (including eye-tracking)
- vision research (including stereoscopic displays)

2 HIGH-END SPECIALIST LABS
You will be working in high-end specialist labs that involve:
- brain imaging
- action research
- visual attention
- health psychology
- evolutionary psychology and animal research
- virtual and augmented reality

3 PRE-SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN
You will have the opportunity to study aspects of child development through our Pre-School Kindergarten that provides a safe and fun environment for children aged nine months and two years to five years old. You will gain in-depth experience for designing and running simple experiments with children attending our Kindergarten and Parent-Toddler-Group.

94% 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 behaviour. In practical work you will develop your own research skills.

YEAR 1-3


Subsequent 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, for engaging in student-led teaching, and for working as a research assistant in one of our labs. You will also have the option of conducting an unsupervised group research project, based in the real world, where you can apply your knowledge and skills as a psychologist. 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.
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.

Our graduates have found employment as:

- Clinical psychologist
- Educational psychologist
- Forensic psychologist
- Further education teacher
- Health psychologist
- Occupational psychologist
- Primary care graduate mental health worker
- Psychological wellbeing practitioner
- Sport and exercise psychologist
- Advice worker
- Careers adviser
- Counsellor
- Human resources officer
- Play therapist

“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."

BPS ACCREDITATION REVIEW 2014

PSYCHOLOGY BSc
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PSYCHOLOGY BA
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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

YEAR 1 ENTRY – FOUR-YEAR HONOURS
SQA Highers:
AABB – by the end of S5
AABBB – by the end of S6
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: 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: 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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