

School of Psychology

Important Degree Information:

B.Sc./M.A. Honours

The general requirements are 480 credits over a period of normally 4 years (and not more than 5 years) or part-time equivalent; the final two years being an approved honours programme of 240 credits, of which 90 credits are at 4000 level and at least a further 120 credits at 3000 and/or 4000 (H) levels. Refer to the appropriate Faculty regulations for lists of subjects recognised as qualifying towards either a B.Sc. or M.A. degree.

B.Sc./M.A. Honours with Integrated Year Abroad

The general requirements are 540 credits over a period of normally 5 years (and not more than 6 years) or part-time equivalent; the final three years being an approved honours programme of 300 credits, of which 60 credits are gained during the integrated year abroad, 90 credits are at 4000 level and at least a further 120 credits at 3000 and/or 4000 (H) levels. Refer to the appropriate Faculty regulations for lists of subjects recognised as qualifying towards either a B.Sc. or M.A. degree.

Other Information: Passes in PS3021, PS3022, PS4040 and PS4050 are required for recognition by the British Psychological Society.

In the case of students who spend part of the Honours Programme abroad on a recognized Exchange Scheme, the Programme Requirements will be amended to take into account courses taken while abroad.

The Honours syllabus is undergoing a major change commencing in 2002-03 and Programme requirements listed below are those for students entering the first year of the Honours Programme in 2002-03 or subsequently. Students entering the Second Year of the Honours programme in 2002-03 should refer to School Handbooks and consult Honours Advisers for the requirements of their Honours Programme.

Degree Programmes	Programme Requirements at:
(M.A. Honours or B.Sc. Honours): Psychology	<p>Single Honours Psychology Degrees:</p> <p>Level 1: 40 credits consisting of passes in both PS1001 and PS1002</p> <p>Level 2: 60 credits consisting of passes at 12 or better in both PS2001 and PS2002</p> <p>Level 3: 120 credits from the PS3000 level modules and PS4040</p> <p>Level 4: 120 credits from the PS4000 level modules, necessarily including PS4050 and PS4060; with the prior approval of the School, up to 30 credits from elsewhere in the Catalogue may be substituted for PS4000 level modules.</p> <p>Other Information: This degree is recognized by the British Psychological Society.</p>
(M.A. Honours): Psychology and Art History, English, French[^], Geography, German[^], International Relations, Management, Mathematics, Mediaeval History Modern History, Philosophy, Social Anthropology, Theological Studies.	<p>Psychology element of Joint Honours Degrees:</p> <p>Level 1: 40 credits consisting of passes in both PS1001 and PS1002</p> <p>Level 2: 60 credits consisting of passes at 12 or better in both PS2001 and PS2002</p> <p>Level 3: 90 credits consisting of passes in PS3006, PS3007, PS3008, PS3009, PS3010, PS3011.</p> <p>Level 4: up to a further 60 credits; see Other Information, for BPS recognition.</p>
[^] available also as 'With Integrated Year Abroad Degrees'	

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Degree Programmes	Programme Requirements at:
(B.Sc. Honours): Psychology and Mathematics	<p>Psychology element of Joint Degree</p> <p>Level 1: 40 credits consisting of passes in both PS1001 and PS1002</p> <p>Level 2: 60 credits consisting of passes at 12 or better in both PS2001 and PS2002</p> <p>Level 3: 90 credits consisting of passes in PS3006, PS3007, PS3008, PS3009, PS3010, PS3011.</p> <p>Level 4: up to a further 60 credits; see Other Information, for BPS recognition.</p>
(M.A. Honours): Psychology with Geography; with Linguistics [^] [^] available also as 'with Integrated Year Abroad Degrees'	<p>Psychology element of Major Degrees:</p> <p>Level 1: 40 credits consisting of passes in both PS1001 and PS1002</p> <p>Level 2: 60 credits consisting of passes at 12 or better in both PS2001 and PS2002</p> <p>Level 3: 90 credits consisting of passes in PS3006, PS3007, PS3008, PS3009, PS3010, PS3011.</p> <p>Level 4: At least 60 credits from PS3021, PS3022, PS4040 and other PS4000 level modules.</p>
(B.Sc. Honours): Psychology with French [^] [^] available also as 'with Integrated Year Abroad Degrees'	<p>Psychology element of Major Degree:</p> <p>Level 1: 40 credits consisting of passes in both PS1001 and PS1002</p> <p>Level 2: 60 credits consisting of passes at 12 or better in both PS2001 and PS2002</p> <p>Level 3: 90 credits consisting of passes in PS3006, PS3007, PS3008, PS3009, PS3010, PS3011.</p> <p>Level 4(H): At least 90 credits from PS3021, PS3022, PS4040, and other PS4000 modules.</p>

Psychology (PS) Modules

PS1001 Psychology I

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1

Description: This module aims (i) to provide an introduction to the theoretical foundations, historical perspectives and modern developments of psychology; (ii) to provide an introduction to the variety of subjects which make up contemporary psychology; (iii) to provide a thorough grounding in the empirical basis of psychology. Lectures comprise the principal teaching method. In addition, a specialized methodology and practical course will introduce methods of research including experimental design, analysis and interpretation of results. The skills necessary for writing research reports will be stressed. It will be assumed that entrants have no previous knowledge of psychology.

Class Hour: 12.00 noon.

Teaching: Four lectures and one 2 hour laboratory.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 25%, 2 Hour Examination = 75%

Re-Assessment: 2 Hour Examination = 100%

PS1002 Psychology II

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2

Description: This module aims (i) to provide an introduction to the theoretical foundations, historical perspectives and modern developments of psychology; (ii) to provide an introduction to the variety of subjects which make up contemporary psychology; (iii) to provide a thorough grounding in the empirical basis of psychology. The principal teaching method for PS1002 is formal lectures, with a continuation of the specialized methodology and practical course exploring methods of research. It will be assumed that students have taken PS1001 and will therefore have some experience in methodology and writing research reports.

Class Hour: 12.00 noon.

Teaching: Four lectures and one 2 hour laboratory.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 25%, 2 Hour Examination = 75%

Re-Assessment: 2 Hour Examination = 100%

PS1505 People and Health: Behaviour and Health

Credits: 10.0 Semester: 1

Availability: Available only to students enrolled in the Medical Science Programme.

Co-requisites: Other first semester Medical Science modules

Description: This module focuses on theoretical and scientific as well as lay approaches to concepts of health and health related behaviour. Population patterns of health and risk behaviour, the assessment and explanations for these behaviours and methods of changing them will be addressed. In addition to lectures, students will gain practical experience in obtaining information about concepts of health and health behaviour from interviews in community settings and by self-observation and monitoring. Students will receive training in communication skills necessary to conduct a family interview.

Class Hour: 4.00 pm Tuesday.

Teaching: 11 lectures, 11 hours of workshops or tutorials, 11 hours of community/clinical/workbook and scheduled project work.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, One-and-a-half Hour Examination = 50%

Re-Assessment: One-and-a-half Hour Examination = 100%

PS1506 People and Health: Stress and Coping

Credits: 10.0 Semester: 2

Availability: Available only to students enrolled in the Medical Science Programme.

Co-requisites: Other first semester Medical Science modules

Description: This module focuses on theoretical and scientific approaches to stress and coping. Definition and measurement of stress and coping, situational/contextual and personality influences, the relationship between stress and disease, stress and mental health, psychophysiological responses and stress management will be addressed. In addition to lectures, students will gain practical experience in obtaining information about stress and coping from interviews in community settings. Students will receive training in communication skills necessary to conduct a family interview.

Class Hour: 4.00 pm Tuesday.

Teaching: 11 lectures, 11 hours of workshops or tutorials, 11 hours of community/clinical/workbook and scheduled project work.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, One-and-a-half Hour Examination = 50%

Re-Assessment: One-and-a-half Hour Examination = 100%

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PS2001 Psychology I

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Prerequisites: PS1001 and PS1002

Description: This module uses PS1001 and PS1002 as the foundation for a more advanced treatment of a number of areas in psychology. In this way, and in conjunction with PS2002, it forms a sound preparation for Honours Psychology. It also provides greater depth of understanding of psychology for those who are taking the module as part of a more general course. Module PS2001 involves advanced treatment of the following areas of psychology, complementing PS2002: the relations between brain and behaviour; cognition; perception; comparative aspects of behaviour; social and health psychology. It also contains a methodology component covering laboratory and field techniques; no methodological grounding beyond PS1002 will be assumed.

Class Hour: 10.00 am

Teaching: Four lectures, one 3 hour laboratory and course-related tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 25%, 3 Hour Examination = 75%

Re-Assessment: 3 Hour Examination = 100%

PS2002 Psychology II

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Prerequisites: PS1001 and PS1002

Description: This module uses PS1001 and PS1002 as the foundation for a more advanced treatment of a number of areas in psychology and extends the range of teaching available in PS2001 to complete the preparation for Honours Psychology. It also provides greater depth of understanding of psychology for those who are taking the module as part of a more general course. Module PS2002 involves advanced treatment of the following areas of psychology, complementing PS2001: the relations between brain and behaviour; cognition; perception; comparative aspects of behaviour; social and health psychology. It also contains a methodology component covering laboratory and field techniques; grounding in the methodological skills of PS2001 will be assumed.

Class Hour: 10.00 am

Teaching: Four lectures, one 3 hour laboratory and course-related tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 25%, 3 Hour Examination = 75%

Re-Assessment: 3 Hour Examination = 100%

PS2505 People and Healthcare: Becoming ill and seeking medical treatment

Credits: 10.0 Semester: 1

Availability: Available only to students enrolled in the Medical Science Programme.

Prerequisites: PS1505, PS1506

Description: This module focuses on theoretical and scientific approaches to symptom perception and reporting and to factors affecting use of health services. Perceptual and decision processes, self-regulatory mechanisms, illness behaviour, self-care, social factors in seeking healthcare, pain and pain management will be addressed. In addition to lectures, students will gain practical experience in obtaining information about symptom reporting and decision making about consulting doctors from interviews in community settings and by self-observation. Students will receive further training in communication skills necessary to conduct a family interview.

Class Hour: 11.00 am Thursday.

Teaching: 11 lectures, 11 hours of workshops or tutorials, 11 hours of community/clinical/workbook scheduled project work.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, One-and-a-half Hour Examination = 50%

Re-Assessment: One-and-a-half Hour Examination = 100%

PS2506 People and Healthcare: Interactions with healthcare

Credits: 10.0 Semester: 2

Availability: Available only to students enrolled in the Medical Science Programme.

Prerequisites: PS1505, PS1506

Description: This module focuses on theoretical and scientific approaches to the process of healthcare delivery and its impact on those delivering and receiving healthcare. Doctor-patient communication, social interaction, the experience of hospitals, stress and healthcare, communications with special populations will be addressed. In addition to lectures, students will gain practical experience in obtaining information about patients' preferences and satisfaction. Students will receive further training in communication skills and will be trained to evaluate communication processes in health care delivery.

Class Hour: 11.00 am Friday.

Teaching: 11 lectures, 11 hours of workshops or tutorials, 11 hours of community/clinical/workbook scheduled project work.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, One-and-a-half Hour Examination = 50%

Re-Assessment: One-and-a-half Hour Examination = 100%

PS2507 People and Chronic Disease

Credits: 10.0 Semester: 2

Availability: Available only to students enrolled in the Medical Sciences Programme.

Prerequisites: PS1505, PS1506, PS2505, PS2506

Description: This module focuses on theoretical and scientific approaches to psychological and social aspects of chronic illness. Psychological and social changes resulting from illness, coping and responses by patients and carers, physical disability, neuropsychological and psychological disorders will be addressed. In addition to lectures, students will gain practical experience in obtaining information about patients' and carers' experiences and evaluating outcomes of chronic illness. Students will receive further training in communication skills and will be trained to evaluate psychological and social outcomes of chronic illness.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: 11 lectures, 11 hours of workshops or tutorials, 11 hours of community/clinical/workbook scheduled project work.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, One-and-a-half Hour Examination = 50%

Re-Assessment: One-and-a-half Hour Examination and Oral Examination = 100%

The details of the Honours modules – that is 3000 and 4000(H) level modules – which relate to the programmes listed in this section, are available in the Honours Course Catalogue.

