

Psychology & Education Pathway

BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology

University of Derby



Online-based
distance learning

Qualification

On successful completion of the programme you will be awarded a BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology.

Awarding Body

University of Derby

Course Description

The University of Derby BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology is the only online psychology programme accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS).

The programme is accredited as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Registration, provided the minimum standard of a Lower Second Class Honours is achieved. This is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

In addition to eligibility for postgraduate training as a professional psychologist, you would also leave the course with good communication and IT skills and a sound understanding of behavioural research - a useful combination for a variety of subsequent careers.

Mode

Online distance learning

Course Content (Modules)

Comprises three stages, eight modules in each stage. There is a compulsory induction module which students must complete before starting the first module. In addition, there is a compulsory one-week residential course (Practical Techniques for Applied Psychology) which students must pass.

Stage 1 - Core Modules

Core - 8 x 15 credit core modules

1. Freshers module (free but compulsory induction module)
2. Research Methods & Statistics in Psychology
3. Psychology Skills
4. Animal Learning and Cognition
5. Research Methods & Statistics in Psychology 2
6. Introduction to Social Psychology
7. Biological Foundations of Behaviour
8. Introduction to Cognitive Psychology
9. Lifespan Development

Stage 2 - Core Modules

Core - 3 core modules, you must study a total of 8 modules.

1. Quantitative Methods and Statistics in Psychology
2. Introduction to Qualitative Methods in Psychology
3. Personality & Intelligence

2 groups with 2 x 15 credit modules – you must study at least one from each group, however, you can study both in each group if you wish.

4. Plus either: Psychology of Memory and Perception Or Psychology of Thinking and Reasoning
5. Plus either: Psychology of Mental Illness Or Biopsychology

Optional modules – you can choose any of these to complete your 8 modules

6. Social Cognition
7. Current Issues in Psychology
8. Parapsychology

Residential school module – non-credit bearing.

9. Practical Techniques for Applied Psychology

Stage 3 - Core Modules

Core - 2 core 15 credit modules, 1 core 30 credit module (studied over 2 semesters). You must study 7 x 15 credit modules and 1 x 30 credit module in total.

1. Conceptual & Historical Issues in Psychology (CHIP)
2. Cognitive Development
3. Independent Studies in Applied Psychology

Either / Or - 1 group of 2 x 15 credit modules – you must study one from the group.

4. Plus either: Discursive approaches to social psychology
Or: Contemporary approaches to social psychology

Optional* - 7 optional 15 credit modules – you must choose 3 from the following list to complete your 8 modules.

- Addictive Behaviours
- Vision And Cognition
- Health Psychology
- Exploring Racism
- Psychology of Pain
- Ergonomics
- ADHD, Autism and Aspergers

*Optional modules will be available subject to a minimum number of enrolled students.

24 x 15 credit modules
2 non-credit bearing modules

Total number of credits for the full programme = 360



Assessment

All modules are assessed by coursework only. Coursework assessments come in a variety of forms. Many require you to complete an essay on a specific topic but you will also carry out and write up practical reports and prepare portfolios of work. Some modules use a time constrained coursework format in which you will be expected to produce an answer in a set amount of time.

Duration of Programme

The University of Derby BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology is normally studied over six years. It can be studied over a minimum of three years and extended for up to a maximum of eight years.

Entry Requirements

- A Level psychology is not compulsory but is recommended.
- English ability equivalent to an IELTS score of 6.5, where the medium of undergraduate study was not English.
- Applications by mature candidates are considered on an individual basis.

What's Included

All online study materials, student handbooks, interactive exercises and tests, and access to online books and journals are supplied. Teaching is via discussion board activity which allows the exchange of ideas, questions and opinions between students and their tutors. You will also have access to academic tutors by telephone and email.

Only UK/EU residents receive BPS Accreditation on graduation. Students must complete a residential week in the UK at the end of the second year to be eligible. Cost of travel and subsistence are additional to the course fee.

Workload

We recommend an average of 12-15 hours study time per week for this programme.

Exemptions

For this qualification, we may allow you to count credit for relevant study you have already done elsewhere. Exemptions are considered on an individual basis when you submit an application form.

How to Apply

It's easy to enrol. Send a completed application form, along with two references, preferably from an academic or current employer, and proof of qualifications to:

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