PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE ON ALL COURSES

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Why choose Psychology at Loughborough?

Loughborough University offers five integrated undergraduate degree courses in psychology, allowing you to study the areas and applications of the subject that interest you most.

If you want to understand what makes people tick – to understand human emotions and motivations, to understand mental health and wellbeing, work performance, eating disorders, child development, or criminal behaviour – the study of psychology offers a rich and fascinating exploration of the science of the mind.

Each of our psychology courses is taught by world-renowned academics who are leaders in their fields of research and all our courses share the core modules required for Graduate Membership and Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society, allowing you to benefit from studying alongside students from a range of psychological perspectives. The core programme includes cognitive, social, biological, developmental and experimental psychology, and gives you the opportunity to develop advanced skills in carrying out psychological research. Each course also includes the opportunity to take either a supported year-long work placement, or to study abroad. This helps to develop essential real-life skills and foster valuable occupational contacts.

Our psychology courses provide a solid foundation for careers in clinical practice and in educational, policing, health, management, public communications, sport and exercise, and other occupational and business-related contexts. They also provide the perfect foundation for our specialised MSc programmes: MSc Work Psychology and MSc Sport and Exercise Psychology.
BSc (Hons) DPS/DIntS* 4 years full-time sandwich
UCAS code: C8N1
BSc (Hons) 3 years full-time
UCAS code: C8N0

Typical offers
A level: AAB
IB: 35 (6,6,5 HL) with 4 at SL Mathematics and 5 at SL English.
BTEC: BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate: Distinction plus two A Levels at grades AB.
BTEC National Diploma: D D* plus one A Level at grade B. National Extended Diploma: DDD plus one A Level at grade B.
GCSE: GCSE Maths Grade C/G (Grade B/G preferred) and English Language Grade B/G.

BSc Business Psychology

Psychology is, in many ways, integral to business success. From understanding what consumers want and the nuances of product design to obtaining the talismanic perfect alignment of the needs of people, workplaces and organisations, it is the awareness of what motivates and influences people that drives business. To put it simply, business is psychology, and graduates with advanced knowledge and practical skills in the field of psychology are therefore highly sought after within a wide range of organisations across sectors.

Drawing on over 25 years of psychology and business expertise, Loughborough’s Business Psychology course offers you the opportunity to study the core areas of psychology as required for BPS accreditation alongside modules that apply psychological principles to the world of business and management.

Some of your modules will be taught by a team of expert business psychologists from within the university’s highly ranked School of Business and Economics, who currently include the authors of Work Psychology, Europe’s leading textbook in the area – Dr Ray Randall and Professor John Arnold.

A degree in Business Psychology will give you a fantastic grounding for a career in psychology, management, or related roles in HR, marketing or consultancy within major multinational companies, SMEs, non-profit or government departments.

The course also carries the option for an employability-boosting year in industry on professional placement.

Years 1 and 2

Optional business modules include Marketing, Sales, Accountancy, General Management, and Organisation Studies.

Optional placement/study year
Professional placement and/or overseas study.

Final year
Indicative areas studied include human behaviour at work, such as workplace health, consumer psychology, and management decision making.

Options include a range of business and management and/or psychology modules. The exact choice of optional modules varies a little subject to availability and your previous choices but is likely to include: international marketing, international human resource management, the social psychology of everyday life, entrepreneurship, and knowledge management.

Research project
You also undertake a major research project where you collect and analyse data about an aspect of psychology in a business and management context as agreed with your supervisor.

Please note: optional modules are subject to availability and timetable permitting.

The information here reflects the currently intended course structure and module details. Updates may be made on an annual basis and revised details will be published through Programme Specifications ahead of each academic year.

More
BSc Business Psychology

"The variety and combination of modules on Business Psychology is what initially attracted me to the degree. The skills and knowledge I have gained are why I am delighted I selected it."

—
Mimi
BSc Business Psychology

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*DPS/DIntS: Diploma in Professional Studies/Diploma in International Studies.
“Being taught by professionals who are very enthusiastic about what they teach has definitely enriched my experience of studying Psychology here. Hearing how passionate they are about their area of expertise means I couldn’t be more sure of wanting to pursue a career in the field now. There’s just something about the Loughborough experience that makes studying Psychology so much more than just studying for a degree.”

— Aneela
BSc Psychology
This exciting new course offers a thorough grounding in the fundamentals of psychological science through the study of human behaviour and the mind, combined with study of the workings of language and communication and the power of the media.

This course was recently launched and we are currently working towards achieving its accreditation.

The course provides specialised training in scientific approaches to the study of social interaction and offers a wide range of specialist analytical and practical skills relevant to many jobs that involve working with the media and communication industries.

Loughborough University has been ranked in the World Top 50 for Communication and Media Studies for the last six years (QS World University Rankings 2013-19) and this course is taught by passionate and inspiring staff who are at the cutting-edge of Psychology, and Communication and Media Studies.

Years 1 and 2

Optional placement/study year
Professional placement and/or overseas study.

Final year
Indicative areas studied include: Advanced Social Psychology, Presenting Media Debates, Language, Culture and Mind, plus choices from a range of optional modules.

Research project
In the final year you will undertake a substantial research project with expert supervision and guidance.

Typical offers
A level: AAB
IB: 35 (6,6,5 HL) with 4 at SL Mathematics and 5 at SL English.
BTEC: BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate: D plus two A Levels at grades AB. BTEC Level 3 National Diploma: D*D plus one A Level at grade B. BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma: DDD plus one A Level at grade B.
GCSE: GCSE Maths Grade C/4 (Grade B/6 preferred) and English Language Grade B/6.

Please note: optional modules are subject to availability and timetable permitting.

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“I’m really excited about this new programme. Communication research is one of Loughborough’s great strengths, and there is a real buzz among the staff at the prospect of sharing our research interests with the students. Psychology, social interaction, the news, social media: it’s all there.”

— Charles Antaki
Professor of Language and Social Psychology
The modules within my subject are very diverse, delving into different topics such as pregnancy, narco-terror and youth offenders. This diversity has allowed me to explore options which I may want to study further after university or explore as a possible job route.

Georgia
BSc Psychology with Criminology
BSc Sport and Exercise Psychology

The role of a sport and exercise psychologist is vital to the world of sport and integral to population health.

Sport psychologists apply psychological knowledge to improve coaching, athlete learning and elite performance. They help athletes in many ways including staying motivated, managing competition pressure, and coping with injury and mental health issues. Exercise psychologists work to encourage the general population to engage in regular sport and exercise. Exercise psychologists also promote the mental health benefits of exercise and its capacity to reduce depression and anxiety and improve mood and wellbeing.

Loughborough University is famed for its contributions to sport science, coaching and elite sport, and our degree in Sport and Exercise Psychology offers a unique opportunity to develop advanced knowledge and practical skills in relation to the psychological principles applied to sport and exercise – at the UK’s leading university for sport.

Covering all the core areas of psychology for BPS accreditation, you will also gain an in-depth understanding of how psychological factors are used to understand and support the performance and well-being of athletes, coaches, teams and exercisers across the life span. You will be taught by world leading sport and exercise psychologists who are international scholars and practitioners in elite sport, youth sport, motivation, interpersonal relationships and exercise participation.

The course offers you exactly the same varied career opportunities as any psychology degree. However, you will emerge as a graduate with a stronger knowledge and skill base for working in the sport and exercise industry, and be better prepared for progressions on to an MSc in the discipline.

Years 1 and 2

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Final year

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UCAS code: CB6C

BSc (Hons) 3 years full-time
UCAS code: CB4C

Typical offers
A level: AAB
IB: 35 (6,6,5 HL) with 4 at SL Mathematics and 5 at SL English.
BTEC: BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate: D plus two A Levels at grades AB; BTEC Level 3 National Diploma: DD plus one A Level at grade B; BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma: DDD plus one A Level at grade B.
GCSE: GCSE Maths Grade C/A (Grade B/A preferred) and English Language Grade B/A.

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Careers and employability

A degree in psychology can prepare you for a career in a wide range of settings, whether in commerce, healthcare, management and human resources, education, community and social work, financial services, and psychological research.

It provides a foundation for postgraduate study or further professional training for careers in counselling or clinical, educational, occupational, forensic or health psychology.

Graduates from our range of Loughborough Psychology courses have gone on to pursue rewarding careers in diverse organisations. Recent graduate destinations have included:

- Assistant Psychology, Brain Injury Trust
- Associate Tax Adviser, Deletis
- Shopper Research Analyst, Evolution Insights
- Assistant Director, Explore Learning
- Child Protection Student Social Worker, Frontline
- Market Research Graduate, GlaxoSmithKline
- Management Consulting Analyst, KPMG
- Advertising Account Executive, Maher Bird Associates LLP
- Child Care Officer, West Sussex County Council
- Assistant Clinical Psychologist, NHS
- Cognitive Neuropsychology Centre Assistant, University of Oxford
- Graduate HR Adviser, Williams Grand Prix Engineering

Placement opportunities

Students taking the four-year version of our psychology degrees spend their third year on placement in an approved occupation relevant to their degree. Satisfactory completion of the placement leads to the award of the Diploma in Professional Studies. Students have had placements in the UK and abroad, with schools, NHS Trusts, prisons, the Home Office, the Health and Safety Executive, and various consultancies and companies, including GlaxoSmithKline, Morgan Stanley, Unilever, and Warner Bros.

Psychology student Thomas Zaqueu spent his placement year with the L’Oréal human resources team and was based at The Body Shop. For the first half of the year he was working within the recruitment team and joined the learning and development team for the second. He told us:

“I’m interested in going into consultancy within occupational psychology. I worked with some occupational psychologists while in the L&D team and managed to learn, first hand, a bit more about their job and build connections.

“In the recruitment team I was heavily involved with the recruitment of the next cohort of interns. My responsibilities ranged from screening CVs, conducting telephone interviews, facilitating assessment centres, attending career fairs, and social media among other ad-hoc projects.

“With regards to getting a job once I graduate I feel this placement has put me in a very favourable position due to the experience of working in an enormous multi-national company. It also gave me the opportunity to build my professional network as I now have more connections in the business environment. It’s not what you know but who you know!”

“I’d recommend a placement year to any student. It’s an incredible opportunity to put theory into practice and actually find out if it’s something you want to do.”

Loughborough University is renowned for offering a life-changing student experience. In the Times Higher Education (THE) Student Experience Survey 2018, Loughborough came first in the country. Since the inception of the survey in 2006, Loughborough has topped the table eight times, and come top five no less than 11 times. Over the period of the survey Loughborough has enjoyed the best results in the country for student satisfaction.

We asked Psychology student Aneil Banerjee to sum up her own Loughborough Experience:

“I actually didn’t choose Loughborough as I missed the grades for my firm and insurance universities – but I’m so glad I did! When I rang up on A Level results day I was offered a place through Clearing, so I rearranged to come for a visit day immediately. I loved it the minute I got here - so Loughborough chose me, really! What struck me most about Loughborough was the family atmosphere it had - everyone genuinely wants the best for each other here.

“The social atmosphere is one of the best things about being at Loughborough - it’s such an inclusive university and everyone is friendly and genuinely so happy to be here. The Union has to be the social hub of campus and is brilliant both for nights out and other social events. There’s something for everyone here!

“Even though I’m not particularly sporty I love being surrounded by it and the spirit that it brings – it gives Loughborough a very unique atmosphere!”

100% Loughborough has brought out the best in me. Everyone I have met during my time here has inspired me in some way.”

The Loughborough Experience

An outstanding campus

The University is based on a superb 640 acre campus – the largest single-site campus in the UK. Boasting pleasant open spaces, gardens and sports areas, our campus is equipped for every aspect of student life, with high quality accommodation, shops, health services, student support centres and our award-winning Students’ Union. You will join a vibrant campus community of over 20,000 students and staff from over 100 countries.

A unique sporting experience

As a Loughborough student you can take advantage of the two state-of-the-art gyms on campus, represent your Hall of Residence in over 30 sports, join any of our sporting societies or simply enjoy recreational sport and leisure activities.

Our dazzling array of sports facilities include a 50m swimming pool, five recreational parks, seven fitness studios and five full-sized floodlit synthetic pitches for ball sports.

Find out more: loughboroughsport.com

More than sport

In your spare time, there is something for everyone. You can join in with our Flag charity fundraising, community Action volunteering, the Media Centre, music and arts activities, and over 100 different clubs and societies.

For more information go to: www.lboro.ac.uk/about/students-union/

Loughborough life

A busy market town in the East Midlands, Loughborough boasts great travel links and is situated between the three nearby cities of Leicester, Nottingham and Derby. The town has a variety of entertainment on offer, including theatre, comedy, cinema and restaurants serving up global cuisine, alongside pubs, delis, bars and coffee shops.

For more information go to: love.loughborough.co.uk
This brochure was written several months in advance of the academic year to which it applies (2020). Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained within is accurate at the time of publishing, but updates (for example to course content) are likely to occur due to the time between publication and the course start date. It is therefore important to visit our online prospectus at www.lboro.ac.uk/study before applying to check for any updates, as this will be the most up-to-date repository of information.