

Integrated Degree BSc (Hons) Psychology

At a glance overview

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Integrated Degree BSc (Hons) Psychology - Programme Specification

Goldsmiths, University of London

Final Award and Programme Title

- Foundation Certificate in Psychology
- Progression to BSc (Hons) Psychology

Interim Exit Award(s)

Not applicable

Duration

- 1 year full-time (Foundation Certificate)
- 3 years full-time (undergraduate degree)

Programme Overview

This is a four-year degree at Goldsmiths. If students successfully achieve the progression requirements of the foundation year, they can continue with the full-time three-year BSc (Hons) Psychology.

The programme is ideal for anyone interested in psychology and its applications who wants to boost their academic profile and progress to the BSc Psychology. It focuses on introductory psychology and its theoretical and research approaches (developmental, social, cognitive, psychobiology, research methods). A study skills module develops academic writing and research skills.

Students may access specialist and general-purpose research laboratories, including EEG, infant lab, and visual perception labs.

Programme Entry Requirements

- Normally 18 years of age by 30th September of entry year
- No formal qualifications required, but must demonstrate potential to benefit from programme
- Grade B GCSE English (or equivalent) required
- Grade C GCSE or equivalent in Mathematics advantageous
- Selection normally by interview

Aims of the Programme

- Introduce the scope and complexity of Psychology
- Provide knowledge of theoretical approaches
- Develop skills for further study in Psychology
- Provide supportive learning environment
- Encourage lifelong independent learning

Expected Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

- **A1** Fundamental approaches and fields of Psychology
- **A2** Methods, concepts, terminology
- **A3** Skills for independent study
- **A4** Statistical methodology and research methods

Cognitive and Thinking Skills

- **B1** Synthesise academic material and develop arguments
- **B2** Analyse critical ideas
- **B3** Illustrate points of view
- **B4** Critically evaluate concepts and continue research

Subject Specific Skills

- **C1** Apply statistics and experimental design to Psychology

Transferable Skills

- **D1** Research and information retrieval
 - **D2** Structured and coherent presentation of ideas
 - **D3** Potential for new skill development
 - **D4** Skills necessary for undergraduate study
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How You Will Learn

- Direct teaching with preparatory tasks
 - Lectures, discussions, group work, guest speakers
 - Additional readings and handouts
 - Critical engagement with theories and studies
 - Support in numeracy and presentation skills
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How You Will Be Assessed

- Essays
 - Unseen examinations
 - Research reports
 - Multiple choice tests
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Marking Criteria

- **80-100% Outstanding/Exceptional:** Original argument, detailed accuracy
- **70-79% Very Good:** Broad understanding, critical evaluation, well-structured
- **60-69% Good:** Competent, extensive reading, clear evidence
- **50-59% Pass:** Satisfactory, descriptive, lacks depth
- **31-49% Fail:** Limited, confused, poor structure
- **16-30% Bad fail:** Weak, minimal relevance

- **1-15% Very bad fail:** No structure or relevance
- **0%:** Non-submission or plagiarism

Programme Structure Overview

All students take the following compulsory modules:

Module Title	Code	Credits	Level	Status	Term
Social and Developmental Psychology	PS50005B	30	3	Compulsory	1-2
Psychology and Life	PS50006B	30	3	Compulsory	1-2
Psychobiology and Cognitive Psych	PS50007B	30	3	Compulsory	1-2
Research Methods & Experimental Des	PS50008A	30	3	Compulsory	1-3

Academic Support

- Personal Tutor: assigned to all students, meeting fortnightly
 - Access to Library, VLE, handbooks, handouts
 - Feedback on all assessed work
 - Disability and Wellbeing Services support
 - Academic Skills Centre workshops and one-to-one provision
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Careers and Employability

- Progression to Year 1 of BSc Psychology
 - Graduates work in a variety of fields, often as assistants, therapists, or in postgraduate study
 - Annual Psychology Careers Talks
 - 3D Graduate scheme to support reflective, self-managing learners
 - No formal placements, but internal/external opportunities advertised
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Requirements of an Integrated Undergraduate Degree

- Foundation year: 120 credits at Level 3
 - Progression requires passing all modules (50%+) and achieving average of 60%+
 - Possible progression at 58% with mitigation
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Award of the Degree

- Students passing foundation year eligible for Foundation Certificate award
- Marks from foundation year do not count toward final classification