Undergraduate Courses in Psychology
The School has an excellent reputation for Psychology, which is important as I intend to continue in this field after graduation. A good undergraduate degree with BPS recognition was essential, and Leicester provided that.

Zoe, BSc Psychology
Welcome to the School of Psychology

Psychology is the science of mind and behaviour: how and why we act and think as we do. The value of psychological expertise is now recognised in all walks of life, and psychology has become a popular subject at degree level. Furthermore, with a training that includes the ability to handle and present complex arguments and to organise and analyse different forms of evidence, graduate psychologists discover a wide range of employment opportunities, both within and beyond services traditionally employing psychologists. Degrees in psychology open the door to a wide range of rewarding career possibilities.

This is also an exciting time to study the subject itself, with recent innovations in research technology and scientific approaches to the subject. For those with an interest in psychological theory and new developments, many opportunities exist for psychology graduates to continue in research positions after graduation.

The School of Psychology, which sits in the Department of Neuroscience, Psychology and Behaviour, has a long-established reputation for the quality of its undergraduate courses. These are taught through lectures, seminars, discussion groups and practical projects carried out in one of our many specialist laboratories. We have a large and well equipped school, with talented staff who have interests in both pure and applied aspects of psychology. Find out more by visiting us at one of our Open Days or by contacting our website at www.le.ac.uk/psychology.

I hope you will choose to come and join us at Leicester to read Psychology in one of the degrees we offer. We very much look forward to welcoming you in the future.

Dr Claire Gibson
Head of the School of Psychology
Why Choose to Study at Leicester

• We are consistently in the top 20% in university league tables.
• All of our degrees are British Psychological Society (BPS) accredited meaning they will provide you with the necessary academic knowledge, both of psychological theory and practice, for you to progress in your future career.
• Our flexible degrees allow you to tailor your studies to your own interests.
• We have an international reputation for excellent research which feeds into your highly-rated teaching. You will work with academics at the cutting-edge of their fields.
• A degree in psychology from the University of Leicester provides you with excellent career prospects and could be the first step in a career in scientific research or for training in one of the professional fields of psychology, such as clinical, occupational or forensic psychology.
• According to the Higher Education Statistics Agency in 2016, over 90% of Leicester psychology graduates are in employment or doing further study at 6 months after graduation.
• The Higher Education Statistics Agency in 2016 overall satisfaction for BSc Psychology was 90%.

Our Psychology Degrees

Course Aims

We provide an education in psychology that gives you breadth of vision and specialised knowledge across the whole range of psychology.

The first year develops your understanding of psychology by introducing major approaches to psychology, including cognitive psychology, visual and auditory perception, social psychology, biological psychology, applied psychology and developmental psychology. As your course progresses you will work at an increasingly deeper level and the content will become more challenging. Our courses are ideal for enthusiastic and enquiring minds – psychology is a topical and personal subject as well as being a science.

A common core of modules will be taken throughout the three years, ensuring the breadth of this vast subject is studied in increasing depth to a very advanced level.

Teaching and Assessment Methods

We employ a variety of teaching methods to give you experience, develop your academic skills and maintain your interest. Throughout the first year you will gain practical experience in the laboratory classes that will serve to develop this knowledge. You will be taught how to handle and analyse data using computers. Practical classes and skills tutorials have components designed to develop IT, numeracy skills, written and other communication skills. Your input is valued – throughout the course you will be encouraged to voice your own ideas and viewpoints. These will be developed through presentation and team-working sessions in small group settings.

For more information please see page 9.
All our degrees are three years, full-time.

**BSc Psychology**  
UCAS code: C800 BSc/Psy

**BSc Applied Psychology**  
UCAS code: C810 BSc/AP

**BSc Psychology with Sociology**  
UCAS code: C8L3 BSc/PsySoc

**BSc Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience**  
UCAS code: C8BC BSc/PWCN

---

**Research**

You will benefit directly from our cutting-edge research. Most of your lecturers and tutors will be active researchers and leaders in their field. You will learn from these enthusiastic academics who are keen to share their knowledge and enthusiasm.

The School of Psychology benefits from the broad expertise of the four research groups in the Department of Neuroscience, Psychology and Behaviour:

1) **Cellular & Molecular Neurobiology**

This group studies mental processes and behaviour at the level of cellular, neurochemical and molecular interactions to explain complex behaviours and neurodevelopmental disorders such as psychosis and Parkinson’s Disease.

2) **Cognitive and Behavioural Sciences**

This group studies mental processes and behaviour such as judgment and decision making, attention, memory and language at cognitive, ecological and biological levels.

3) **Perceptual & Sensory Processing**

This group studies the senses of vision and hearing and how sensory & perceptual processes influence more complex behaviours such as reading, as well as visual and auditory disorders such as tinnitus.

4) **Health & Psychological Wellbeing**

This group studies complex social behaviour and personality in applied contexts (e.g. criminal, mental health and clinical), and assesses interventions, such as safety policy at work, and prisoner rehabilitation programmes.

---

**The British Psychological Society Accreditation**

The British Psychological Society, based in Leicester, is the professional body that scrutinises the standard of all psychology degrees in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) is an important benchmark of achievement for all degrees in psychology. In order to qualify for GBC, all undergraduate degrees in Psychology must have at least 50% of the modules in Psychology. A first degree with GBC is the normal requirement for entry into professional training, for example as a clinical; educational; forensic or occupational psychologist. All our honours degrees offer the opportunity to obtain GBC on successful completion to a minimum of a 2.2 standard.

---

**Flexible Second and Final Year Options**

Psychology has a huge amount of breadth and scope, and we know that during your studies you will develop your own areas of interest. At Leicester we are proud of the diversity on offer in the second and final year option modules available, some of which are unique in the country. These allow you to shape your degree the way you want, so you can explore your interests at a higher level. This can be excellent preparation for your career or further study.

Examples of such courses have been from a wide range of different areas in psychology, from cognitive neuroscience and neuropsychology, applied psychology of clinical and legal context, individual differences, visual and evolutionary psychology and judgment and decision making.
Degrees Offered

BSc Psychology

UCAS code: C800 BSc/Psy, Three years, full-time

By the end of your first year you will have a firm grounding in both basic and applied psychology and will also have gained practical research experience, including the use of computers for data collection and analysis.

In your second year you will build on this grounding with more in-depth modules in social behaviour and development, abnormal psychology and individual differences, biological psychology and cognitive psychology, as well as further practical experience designed to foster the independent research skills required for completion of your empirical dissertation in the third year.

The final year comprises the further study of core topics in social behaviour and development, cognition and biological psychology. A substantial part of your final year studies will consist of option modules from among a broad range of topics as indicated on page 5, to make your degree tailor-made to your interests. In addition, in your final year you will conduct a major, individually conceived dissertation and also have the opportunity to participate in professional research being currently undertaken by members of staff.
BSc Applied Psychology
UCAS code: C810 BSc/AP,
Three years, full-time
By the end of your first year you will have a firm grounding in both basic and applied psychology and will also have gained practical research experience, including the use of computers for data collection and analysis.

In your second year you will build on this grounding with more in-depth psychological topics in social behaviour and development, abnormal psychology and individual differences, biological psychology and cognitive psychology. In our BSc Applied Psychology degree, you will learn about mainstream psychology and also take specialised modules in applied psychology. In these modules, you will learn about how we can use psychological methods in the everyday world, for example, how psychology can be used in law and education; and to understand how organisations work.

The final year comprises the study of four core topics in social behaviour and development, brain and cognition and further issues in applied psychology and its methods of investigated applied problems. You will also choose option modules that reflect your personal interest from the list on page 5 that fall within the applied field of psychology. Furthermore as part of your final year you will conduct a major, individually conceived Applied Dissertation. In this way you will gain the opportunity to be supervised by a lecturer who themselves are experts in conducting applied research.

BSc Psychology with Sociology
UCAS code: C8L3 BSc/PsySoc,
Three years, full-time
In all three years, the majority of your studies will be in psychology with the remainder being modules from sociology. For both subjects you study core modules in the first year. For the second year in psychology you take social behaviour and development, abnormal psychology, individual differences, biological psychology, cognitive psychology and research methods with statistics. You choose two sociology modules in the second year from a range of sociology modules.

In the final year you take core psychology topics in social behaviour and development, and brain and cognition. In addition, you will take option modules in psychology, covering topics such as those on page 5 and option modules in sociology, chosen to suit your particular academic or vocational interests chosen to suit your particular academic or vocational interests. Sociology options typically include topics such as class, health, work, education, gender, ethnicity, the city and popular culture. In addition, a research project in psychology is taken by all students.

BSc Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience
UCAS code: C8BC BSc/PWCN,
Three years, full-time
The first year will follow the same course structure as Psychology BSc, providing a firm grounding in both basic and applied psychology. It will also provide an opportunity to gain valuable practical research experience, including research design and data analysis. The second year will build on the knowledge and skills gained in the first year through in-depth modules in psychology and cognitive neuroscience. On our BSc Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience degree, you will learn about mainstream psychology and also take specialised modules in cognitive neuroscience. In these modules, you will make exciting discoveries about how neural processes in the brain determine our mental processes and how we behave. You will study these processes in the healthy brain and in disease and the various methodologies used to investigate the neural bases of cognitive functioning and behaviour. The final year comprises core psychology and cognitive neuroscience modules that have been specially tailored to the psychology with cognitive neuroscience degree. These include topics on brain and cognition, social behavioural and development, advanced topics and research methods in cognitive neuroscience. You will conduct research in a pertinent, contemporary topic in cognitive neuroscience under the supervision of a member of staff with expertise in cognitive neuroscience.
Your Learning Experience

How will I be taught?

Lectures form a vital part of university teaching. They are used to define the basic material for a given module. Lecture styles vary considerably and may include demonstrations as well as the traditional lecture format. In a tutorial a small group of you meet with a member of staff for an hour. For tutorials students may be required to research a particular topic and discuss their findings with other members of your tutorial group. A portion of modules in the first and second year involve training in the practicalities of carrying out psychological research. During your undergraduate career you will acquire a full range of personal, transferable practical, IT, team-work and presentation skills.

How will I be assessed?

Your degree will be assessed by a mix of exams and coursework.

- There are two semesters in each year and the examinations are at the end of each semester. Examinations will contribute to part of your assessment grades.

- Coursework can come in a variety of different forms and will assess different scientific skills. Such examples are: practical modules involve writing up laboratory reports. Some modules have no coursework element while others variously have tutorial essays, short reports or small group presentations.
All students will undertake a research project in a form of a written dissertation in their third year.

What facilities will I be able to use?

As well as the facilities within the laboratories, we also provide a networked computer service to students. This is supplemented by Faculty PC sites, offering applications software, e-mail and access to the internet. Student-access computer suites, operating on Windows 7 are used for formal teaching sessions and are available to students for individual work. You will have access to your own computer file store, with common user interface, application software etc., from any of the 18 Open Access Areas on and off campus. In addition there are computer labs in the Centre for Medicine that are solely dedicated for the use of psychology students.

How will I be supported?

**Personal Tutor:** You will be allocated a personal tutor who is a member of staff in Psychology. You will normally see your personal tutor two or three times a term to discuss progress in your studies and, of course, at any other time if you need advice. Your tutor will provide a sympathetic ear for all matters of personal concern, whether they are academic, financial, housing, career, social or personal problems.

**Learning Development:** Getting to grips with a new style of learning can be a challenge. Learning Development can help you refresh, extend and develop your academic skills through workshops and resources.

[www.le.ac.uk/succeedinyourstudies](http://www.le.ac.uk/succeedinyourstudies)

**Welfare Services:** The Student Welfare Service can provide a wide range of practical information and guidance for all students in relation to finance, accommodation in the community and immigration.

[www.le.ac.uk/welfare](http://www.le.ac.uk/welfare)

**Student Health Centre:** The Victoria Park Health Centre provides a full NHS practice for all students.

[www.le.ac.uk/healthcare](http://www.le.ac.uk/healthcare)

**Health and Wellbeing:** There are a number of services to help maintain your health and wellbeing whilst at University. The Healthy Living Service, provides direction to appropriate health care and also co-ordinates a range of events to support a balanced lifestyle.

For those students who feel they need some more support, or who want to address personal issues, the University’s Counselling Service offers short-term individual and group counselling.

For students who are managing mental health issues, the Mental Wellbeing Service offers discreet and confidential support provision.

[www.le.ac.uk/healthandwellbeing](http://www.le.ac.uk/healthandwellbeing)

What advice is available for international students?

We welcome overseas applicants, including Junior Year Abroad, for all our undergraduate degree courses. We accept many overseas qualifications as well as International or European Baccalaureates. We can also provide information regarding foundation courses at the University leading to qualifications acceptable for entry to our undergraduate courses. Potential applicants who are interested in taking such a course, and/or those who are uncertain about the acceptability of their qualifications, are invited in the first instance to visit The International Office website which provides valuable information for all international students

[www.le.ac.uk/international](http://www.le.ac.uk/international)

Now I’m about to leave Leicester I can honestly say I would do it all again and not change any part of my experience. The staff and students are friendly and helpful, just what you need in a new place.

Zoe, BSc Psychology
Your Future Career

A Leicester degree and the opportunities and support that you receive along the way are essential elements in launching your career. You can be confident that despite a competitive graduate jobs market, your Leicester degree and the programmes, support and opportunities provided by the Career Development Service will be critical steps towards your dream job.

To give you an idea of the career paths open to you we regularly invite chartered psychologists from a broad range of specialist areas (e.g. clinical-, forensic-, counselling-, sport-, educational- psychology) to give insights into their profession.

We also run an annual careers event after the summer examinations, called ‘Intentions after Graduation’, which will help focus your thoughts on your career choices at an early stage.

Much of our career provision is based on your feedback so we want to hear from you. We conduct a Psychology Intentions questionnaire amongst first years, and the results guide the themes of our career information events.
Career Development Service

As well as our departmental input, you are encouraged to visit the University’s Career Development Service. They are well positioned to offer you guidance and support at any time during your time with us. Their huge range of programmes and awards is specifically designed to help you get ahead in your chosen career and includes one-to-one careers consultations, workshops and Webinars covering interview and assessment centre skills, psychometric testing and CVs, covering letters and application forms.

Through regular careers fairs you can also meet a range of employers and discover directly the careers paths that are open to you.

Find out more, visit www.le.ac.uk/careers

Gain Experience

In a competitive jobs market having that little bit extra can make all the difference. At Leicester you can build on your talents and add to your CV with a variety of employability programmes and awards offered by the Careers Service, such as Tomorrow’s Managers or Enterprise Inc.
Student Life

Campus
On our bustling compact campus it’s impossible to walk from one end to the other without bumping into someone you know along the way. The campus is a vibrant community, with all manner of places to meet, eat and drink, as well as study. We’re committed to providing you with high quality facilities and resources that meet the needs of modern and ambitious students.

Students’ Union
The Students’ Union is brimming with opportunities that will make your time at Leicester unforgettable. The spectacular Percy Gee building boasts superb facilities, including the fantastic live music venue, O₂ Academy Leicester. You are encouraged to get involved with the SU – there are over 200 student societies covering a huge range – sport, politics, media, performing arts and much, much more. It’s a great way of meeting new people, gaining skills or trying something completely different!

www.leicesterunion.com

Accommodation
Our accommodation offers you a wide variety of choice, whether you fancy self-catered or catered, en-suite or standard.

www.le.ac.uk/accommodation

Private accommodation is available through our lettings agency, SUlets.

www.sulets.com
Sports Facilities
You can enjoy a workout, take a swim or build up a sweat in a fitness class at our modern sports centres on campus or at Manor Road (next to our accommodation). You can also get involved with our sports clubs, which welcome members of all abilities. Keen competitors can also represent the University through Team Leicester, the hotly-contested Varsity matches and our thriving Intramural events.

www.le.ac.uk/sports

Library
The award-winning David Wilson Library is a light, airy, five-storey building providing state-of-the-art facilities for all our students.

We invest over £6 million per year in the Library. Self-service loan and return, group study rooms, hundreds of PCs, netbook loans, wireless access throughout, a staffed Help Zone in the Library and online, 24/5 opening during term time, plus a bookshop and café create a first-class study environment.

There is access to a digital library of over 50,000 electronic journals and 500,000 eBooks – as well as over one million printed volumes. Our digital library can be accessed from anywhere you have an internet connection.

Our Librarians provide detailed advice on finding and using information, and help you make the most of the resources available in the Library and on the web. You can also use our online guides to finding information for your research or coursework.

www.le.ac.uk/library

Attenborough Arts Centre
The Attenborough Arts Centre is the University’s own arts centre, offering a vibrant programme of events, music, spoken word, and exhibitions in its new gallery and performance spaces. Attenborough Arts offers you the chance to try something new, from a variety of arts courses to hula hoop dancing or creative writing. There are special discounts for students. Or if you just want a break from your studies you can enjoy free lunchtime music performances or have a drink at the café.

www.attenborougharts.com
The City of Leicester

Leicester is a lively and diverse city and the tenth largest in Britain. It has all the activities and facilities you would expect, with a friendly and safe atmosphere. The city centre is just a short walk from campus so you’ll never be far from the action.

Leicester’s diverse heritage is reflected in a dazzling array of festivals and cultural experiences including one of the largest Diwali celebrations outside India, the UK’s longest running Comedy Festival and the University’s hugely successful book festival – Literary Leicester.

Leicester is home to several cinemas, theatres, museums and galleries, including the world-class Curve Theatre and independent Phoenix Square.

A city of sporting excellence, sports fans will need no introduction to the remarkable Leicester City and their phenomenal Premier League title victory. The 2016/17 season promises more excitement as they compete in the UEFA Champions League for the first time. You can also watch top-class English and European rugby at Welford Road, home of the mighty Leicester Tigers. The Leicester Riders are a formidable presence in the British Basketball League (BBL), and during the summer months, Leicestershire County Cricket Club competes in the county championship and T20 Blast competition.

For shoppers, Highcross features 110,000 square metres of retail therapy, café bars and restaurants. Those with independent tastes should explore Leicester Lanes with its variety of boutiques and specialist shops.

As you would expect from a true student city, there is a huge choice of bars, clubs and live music venues that cater for all preferences. Food lovers are treated to a fantastic selection of restaurants, with specialities available from every corner of the world.

“\nIn the lanes you’ve got all these little old boutiques that sell vintage clothes and things you wouldn’t expect to find in your general high street stores.\n"
Entry Requirements

For specific entry requirements for each degree see individual course entries, or access our website at www.le.ac.uk/psychology

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>A-level Offer*</th>
<th>Required Subjects?</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BSc Psychology</td>
<td>AAB/ABB*</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BSc Applied Psychology</td>
<td>AAB/ABB*</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BSc Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience</td>
<td>AAB/ABB*</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BSc Psychology with Sociology</td>
<td>AAB/ABB*</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*ABB with a strong GCSE or equivalent level 2 qualification profile.

- **A/AS Levels**: Three A levels usually required, two AS levels considered in place of one A level. General Studies accepted.
- **GCSE**: Mathematics or Statistics, English Language and Dual Award Integrated Science normally required at grade C or above.
- **Access to HE Diploma**: A minimum of 45 credits at level 3 with some 30 of those at distinction level plus the key GCSE subjects listed above.

- **European Baccalaureate**: Pass with 80% overall.
- **International Baccalaureate**: Pass with Full Diploma, score of 32 points.
- **BTEC Nationals**: Full diploma with at DDM
- **Cypriot Apolytirion**: A score of 19/20 overall, preferred subjects of Maths and Biology, plus suitable English language qualification.
- **Hong Kong Diploma Secondary Education**: Scores of 5 in two electives and score of 4 in one elective. All degrees require score of 3 in Mathematics, plus suitable English language qualification.
- **Other Qualifications**: Other national and international qualifications welcomed.
- **Welsh Baccalaureate**: Acceptable when taken with A-levels and would be included in an offer.
- **Mature students welcomed**: Alternative qualifications considered.
- These degrees are not available on a part-time basis.
This brochure was published in June 2016. The University of Leicester endeavours to ensure that the content of its prospectus, programme specification, website content and all other materials are complete and accurate. On occasion it may be necessary to make some alterations to particular aspects of a course or module, and where these are minor, for example altering the lecture timetable or location, then we will ensure that you have as much notice as possible of the change to enable you to plan your studies to your satisfaction. However, in exceptional circumstances it may be necessary for the University to cancel or change a programme or part of it. The University will contact you as soon as possible in any event where a relevant change is due to take place. Where this occurs, we will also in consultation with you offer you an alternative course or programme (as appropriate) or the opportunity to cancel your contract with the University and obtain a refund of any advance payments that you have made.