



Psychology

The course

Psychology is the study of how people think, react and interact. It is concerned with all aspects of behaviour and the thoughts, feelings and motivations that underlie such behaviour. It is an important subject because it relates to the whole range of human experience, from visual perception to complex social interactions.

Study psychology at Royal Holloway University of London and you'll develop a thorough understanding of theories and approaches to the understanding of human behaviour across different core areas of Psychology, without limiting study to any specific area.

Join our three-year course and you will be able to customise your learning in your final year, selecting from a number of optional modules including Consciousness & Cognition, Human Neuropsychology and Criminal and Forensic Psychology.

You'll study in a department ranked 6th in the UK for research (The Research Excellence Framework 2014), learning with academics who are experts in their fields, and contributing your own findings to this leading research culture with a final year research project.

Royal Holloway's Department of Psychology is among the best-equipped psychology departments in the country where post- and undergraduates may benefit from the department's advanced technology. This includes an on-site magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner for studying brain structure and activity, instruments for recording electrical changes in the brain (EEG) and other cutting-edge facilities to augment your learning.

Follow your passion for psychology, clinical psychology and mental health and you'll graduate with excellent employability prospects in a variety of different fields. Notable alumni include the leading bioscience innovator Professor Jackie Hunter CBE, founder of the Terrence Higgins Trust Dr Rupert Whitaker, and Dr Christian Jarrett – author of *The Rough Guide to Psychology*.

Our flexible degree programmes enable you to apply to take a Placement Year, which can be spent studying abroad, working or carrying out voluntary work. You can even do all three if you want to (minimum of three months each)! To recognise the importance of this additional skills development and university experience, your

Placement Year will be formally recognised on your degree certificate and will contribute to your overall result. Please note conditions may apply if your degree already includes an integrated year out, please contact the [Careers & Employability Service](#) for more information. [Find out more](#)

- Study the most up-to-date and exciting findings in psychology.
- Learn with internationally recognised experts in their fields.
- Develop psychological research skills and practice how to think critically about research.
- Benefit from the department's advanced research facilities.
- Customise your degree in your final year, selecting from a number of optional modules.

Course structure

Core Modules

Year 1

- Introduction to Psychological Research
- Learning and Memory
- Self and Society
- Lifespan Development
- Biological Foundations of Psychology
- Introduction to Abnormal Psychology

Year 2

- Psychological Research Methods and Analysis
- Cognitive Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Personality and Individual Differences
- Brain and Behaviour
- Conceptual Issues in Psychology

Year 3

- Final Year Project

Optional Modules

There are a number of optional course modules available during your degree studies. The following is a selection of optional course modules that are likely to be available. Please note that although the College will keep changes to a minimum, new modules may be offered or existing modules may be withdrawn, for example, in response to a change in staff. Applicants will be informed if any significant changes need to be made.

Year 1

- All modules are core

Year 2

- All modules are core

Year 3

- Language, Communication and Thought
- Methods in Cognitive Neuroscience
- Advanced Developmental Psychology
- The Ageing Brain
- Advanced and Applied Social Psychology
- Adult Psychological Problems
- Clinical and Cognitive Neuroscience
- Occupational and Organisational Psychology
- Human Performance: Work, Sport and Medicine
- Health Psychology
- Consciousness and Cognition
- Developmental Disorders
- Human Neuropsychology
- Criminal and Forensic Psychology
- Educational Psychology
- The Social Brain
- Real World Quantitative Techniques