Why study Psychology at Aberdeen?

• British Psychological Society accredited
• 35+ academic staff, all engaged in internationally recognised research
• We offer flexibility – study either Arts (MA) and Science (BSc) degrees
• High ratings! Scottish University of the Year 2019; National Student Survey 92% satisfaction
MA or BSc – this is your degree

Single Honours Psychology MA or BSc

- MA / BSc psychology students study the SAME psychology courses and their degree are valued equally after graduation.
- The difference between MA / BSc is in the mix of additional subjects studied NOT the psychology content, so
  - Level 1 & 2: 50% Psychology courses + (50% Arts for an MA; 50% Science for BSc)
  - Levels 3 & 4: specialise in Psychology subjects
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Q. If psychology only makes up 50% of my studies in L1 and 2, what else can I study?

A. What additional subjects can you study? Whatever interests you and fits into your timetable. There are a wide range of subjects to choose from across the Arts, Humanities and Science disciplines. You may even decide to learn another language!

Q. Can I study Psychology as a joint degree?

A. Yes. We have a wide range of joint degree subjects available (check the prospectus for a full list), e.g. Anthropology, Computing Science, Education, Economics, Legal Studies, Management Studies, Philosophy, Sociology. And, Major/Minor Combinations: Psychology WITH French, Gaelic Studies, German and Counselling Skills
The First Year Curriculum

Our teaching is structured into two streams:

Concepts and Theory Courses (one in each half-session) will provide you with the foundational knowledge in a range of fascinating areas of psychology: Cognitive, Biological, Social, Sensation and Perception, Evolution and Emotion, and Developmental (Course codes: PS1009 / PS1509)

Methods and Applications Courses (one in each half-session) focuses on research methods and statistics in psychology. The applied strand includes a range of guest speakers from applied psychologists, e.g. clinical, educational, forensic, and occupational psychologists – this will help you to decide which career path is right for you (Course codes: PS1011 / PS1511)
How do we teach?

- Our classes include lectures, tutorials, workshops, and practical. Psychology is one of the most popular subjects in the University – on our Theory course you may find yourself in a lecture class of around 400, and on Methodology around 200 students.

- All our lectures are recorded so you can listen back later (or catch up if you miss a class).

- Our small group teaching includes tutorials of approx. 15 students, and practicals with approx. 25 students.

- Our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) is called MyAberdeen and every course contains additional online learning resources, e.g. lecture recordings, slides, additional reading, discussion forums, quizzes.

- Assessments include a mix of online quizzes, short essays, lab reports, research participation, and group presentations.
Study Abroad

• There are opportunities for studying abroad in your second year of study, either for one semester or the full year.

• The International Exchange Programme currently offers links with 7 universities in North America and 4 in Hong Kong.

https://www.abdn.ac.uk/psychology/undergraduate/Intl_Exch.php

• The Erasmus+ programme currently offers a range of opportunities to study in Europe.

https://www.abdn.ac.uk/psychology/undergraduate/Erasmus.php
Psychology career paths

The different areas of psychology are...

- Forensic
- Health
- Clinical
- Educational
- Academia, Research & Teaching
- Neuro
- Sport & Exercise
- Counselling
- Occupational
Employability: Getting your dream job

- Employability is embedded throughout the course at each level of the degree with a Psychology Focus
  - Lectures, workshops, and assignments throughout your studies on employability
  - Unique fourth year course option on Professional Skills and Employability
  - Mentorships with practitioners and former graduates
- Networking events and Career Talks
  - Large Level 3/4 networking event attended by 60 employers from both the Public and Private Sector
- Placements and internships
  - Both within the School and in Industry
Where does Psychology take you?

Psychology graduates are highly employable
- 90% employment 6 months after graduation or further study

Psychology Career Paths include:
- Clinical Psychologist
- Counselling Psychologist
- Educational Psychologist
- Health Psychology
- Occupational Psychologist
- Lecturing

Career Paths include:
- Human Resources
- Marketing
- Teaching
- Careers Adviser
- Management Training
What you will study

Level 2
• Behavioural Neuroscience
• Clinical & Industrial Psychology
• Developmental Psychology
• Language & Cognition
• Perception
• Social Psychology
• Methods in Psychology
What you will study

Level 3

• Biological
• Cognitive Neuroscience
• Developmental
• Memory & Language
• Perception
• Psychological Assessment
• Social psychology
• Methodology: Qualitative and Quantitative research methods
We support our students

- Strong student support
  - All Levels have fully developed small group teaching
  - Well developed Peer Assisted Learning scheme
  - Mentoring
- Personal tutor for all students – a staff member you can go to with questions or ask for advice
- Supportive use of technology
  - All lectures are recorded – so you don’t miss out if you can’t attend.
  - Extensive suite of online resources
- Research informed teaching
  - Learn psychology in a research-rich environment and learn what’s happening in current psychological work
Get involved!

We have a vibrant student community and there are many ways you can get involved.

**Psychology Society**
- Active student led psychology society which organises talks and social events throughout the year.

**Become a Mentor**
- In your 3rd year mentor students who directly enter L2.

**Peer Assisted Learning**
- Support other students to learn by becoming a PAL facilitator. Watch this [video](#) made by our students about PAL.
Visit us online for more information

Visit our school web pages:
https://www.abdn.ac.uk/psychology/undergraduate/index.php

Watch our UG Programme video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URJxAdTHSEE&feature=youtu.be

Meet some of our student Peer-Assisted Learning leaders:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPZrd66LVhk&feature=youtu.be

Read our school blog:
https://www.abdn.ac.uk/psychology/blog/index.php

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