

University of Aberdeen

Psychology FAQs

First Year Reading

There is no compulsory textbook for first year psychology. However, we recommend our students refer to two texts as general primers.

The first text is an open-access textbook has chapters written by many different experts in the field and is freely available for download:

Introduction to Psychology: Noba Foundation. <https://nobaproject.com/textbooks/introduction-to-psychology-the-full-noba-collection>

The second text is a great general introductory psychology book and is available in the University library:

Gazzaniga, M.S. *Psychological Science (6th edition)*. ISBN-10: 039364040X.

Module Lists

Single Honours Psychology MA or BSc students study the SAME psychology courses. The difference between MA/BSc is in the mix of additional outside subjects studied at Levels 1 and 2.

Levels 1 & 2: 50% Psychology courses + (50% Arts for an MA; 50% Science for BSc). Levels 3 & 4: specialise in psychology subjects.

Level 1 - Term 1

- Introductory Psychology I: Concepts and Theory (15-credits)
- Introductory Psychology I: Methods and Applications (15-credits)
- + Outside subjects (30-credits)

Level 1 - Term 2

- Introductory Psychology II: Concepts and Theory (15-credits)
- Introductory Psychology II: Methods and Applications (15-credits)
- + Outside subjects (30-credits)

Level 2 - Term 1

- Advanced Psychology A: Concepts and Theory (15-credits)
- Advanced Psychology A: Methods and Applications (15-credits)
- + Outside subjects (30-credits)

Level 2 - Term 2

- Advanced Psychology B: Concepts and Theory (15-credits)
- Advanced Psychology B: Methods and Applications (15-credits)
- + Outside subjects (30-credits)

Level 3 - Term 1

- Methodology A (15-credits)
- Biological Psychology (15-credits)
- Perception (15-credits)
- Psychological Assessment (15-credits)

Level 3 - Term 2

- Methodology B (15-credits)
- Developmental Psychology (15-credits)
- Memory and Language (15-credits)
- Social Psychology (15-credits)

Level 4 - Terms 1 & 2

- Thesis (30-credits)
- + 90-credits from various psychology options (15-credit); current options include:
 - Advanced Topics in Language
 - Critical Review
 - Clinical Psychology in Action
 - Cognitive Neuroscience
 - Counselling Psychology
 - Current Topics in Psychological Studies
 - Emotion and Aging in Social Cognition
 - Face Recognition
 - Forensic Psychology
 - Human Factors
 - Neuropsychology of Vision and Action
 - Professional Skills & Work Experience in Psychology
 - Social Mind

NB: Joint honours students complete most Level 3 courses spread across Levels 3 and 4, a smaller thesis project in Level 4 (15-credits), and replace the Level 4 psychology options courses with courses from their joint subject spread across Levels 3 and 4.

School of Psychology Web and Social Media Links

- Link to School of Psychology webpages: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/psychology/>
- Link to School of Psychology blog: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/psychology/blog/index.php>
- School of Psychology Highlights: The University of Aberdeen is a great place to study Psychology - watch this short clip to see what you can expect when you study with us here at Aberdeen. <https://youtu.be/22zU25UnLeU>
- An introduction to the School of Psychology: Professor Arash Sahraie introduces the School of Psychology and outlines what you can expect when you study psychology at Aberdeen. <https://youtu.be/RV5IUviFyes>
- School of Psychology Undergraduate Programmes: Undergraduate students studying psychology at Aberdeen benefit from a varied learning approach, hand-on research experience and the opportunity to study abroad. Director of Teaching & Learning, Dr Jason Bohan, tells us more about the advantages of studying psychology at Aberdeen. <https://youtu.be/URJxAdTHSEE>
- Peer-Assisted Learning: Psychology student and PAL Team Leader, Auste Simkute, discusses the benefits of Peer-Assisted Learning for students and how it helped her improve her grades and essay writing skills. <https://youtu.be/hPZrd66LVhk>
- School of Psychology Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/abdnpsych/>
- School of Psychology Twitter: <https://twitter.com/abdnpsych?lang=en>

Psychology Society Web and Social Media Links

- Link to the Psychology Society official AUSA page: <https://www.ausa.org.uk/societies/society/psychologysociety/>
- Link to the Psychology Society Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/abdnpsychsoc/>
- Link to the Psychology Society Facebook page Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/120843441277377/>

MA Psychology, 2nd year students on Unibuddy:

Clarissa, Hanna, and Brogan are all listed on Unibuddy chat.