



PSYCHOLOGY

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY


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WHY CHOOSE
PSYCHOLOGY
AT WARWICK?

Psychology is the subject for you if you're curious about matters of the mind. At Warwick, everyone around you will encourage you to explore that curiosity, helping you understand how people think. You'll learn more about how you think too.

Join our department, and you'll find yourself absorbed in themes including behavioural change, methods for improving sleep, and the psychology of emotions.

Warwick prides itself on its research and, in the Psychology department, this is reflected in our rankings and the international reputation of our academics. Our department is particularly renowned for our insight into health and wellbeing, infant communication and language development, and behavioural science. With this level of expertise behind you, you'll be well-set to take your own first steps into research.

In fact, whatever step you choose to take while you're at Warwick, we'll be there to keep a close eye on your academic and personal needs. Our Psychology department is big enough to have all the facilities and expertise you'd expect from a leading university, but its size allows you to easily access support that'll help you feel at home.

And it's that support that will help prepare you for an exciting career after University. You'll be equipped with the kind of collaborative and analytical skills that mark you out as a highly-employable individual.

warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/psych/studywithus/undergraduate



THE BRITISH
PSYCHOLOGICAL
SOCIETY ACCREDITED

BSc Psychology and joint courses with Education Studies and with Linguistics are British Psychological Society (BPS) accredited providing eligibility for Graduate Membership of the BPS.

WINNERS
OF EPS/BRITISH SCIENCE
ASSOCIATION UNDERGRADUATE
PROJECT PRIZE

Our students won prizes in 2016 and 2017 for their final-year Psychology projects.

5TH
MOST TARGETED UNIVERSITY
BY UK'S TOP GRADUATE
EMPLOYERS

The Graduate Market in 2023,
High Fliers Research Ltd

QS RANKED
10TH IN THE UK
FOR
PSYCHOLOGY

QS World Ranking by Subject 2023

92%
OF RESEARCH IS
WORLD-LEADING OR
INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT

Research Excellence Framework (REF),
2021 (most recent UK-wide assessment)

BSc PSYCHOLOGY

Our BSc Psychology degree is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) and covers all core areas, as well as a broad range of topics which reflect the research strengths of the department whilst allowing the choice to draw in relevant modules from across the university such as business, biology, economics, sociology, philosophy or a language.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A level: AAA, including grade B/6 in GCSE Mathematics or Statistics

IB: 36 points, including 4 in Higher Level Mathematics or 5 in Standard Level Mathematics, and 4 in Higher Level Science or 5 in Standard Level Science - if Mathematics or Science requirements are not met through GCSEs.

For more information around entry requirements see

warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/psychology/

COURSE STRUCTURE

Many modules in year one and two are core in line with our BPS accreditation. Annual research projects give you freedom to explore particular areas of Psychology that interest you, as does your third year which consists of optional modules.

YEAR ONE

You will study core modules that build the foundations of Psychology at Warwick:

- Brain & Behaviour
- Neuropsychology & Psychopathology
- Psychology in Context
- Research and statistical methods for psychology students
- Becoming a Psychologist

In addition, you will take an optional module such as:

- Psychology in the Real World
- OR
- Choose from a wide range of first year modules across Science, Social Science and Arts departments.

YEAR TWO

Modules delve deeper into the core areas of Psychology and contemporary research in year two. You may study modules such as:

- Individual Differences
- Language and Cognition
- Perception, Planning and Action
- Further methods in Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Psychobiology
- Social Psychology
- Group Research Project

There is also the opportunity to take a module from outside the department.

YEAR THREE

You will conduct an individual project showcasing the full range of intellectual and practical skills you have developed throughout your degree and choose six optional modules that interest you, such as:

- Animal Behaviour
- Perspectives in Clinical and Counselling Psychology
- Negotiation & Influence
- How you feel
- Issues in Families and Development
- Nonverbal Behaviour
- Theory and Research on Emotion
- Psychology of Intellectual Disabilities & Sensory Impairments

There is also the opportunity to take a module from outside the department.

All modules are subject to change. For a full list of current modules please see:

courses.warwick.ac.uk/modules



"Psychology gives you the opportunity to look at any behaviour or anything to do with the brain and explore it in great depths. You can explore things which are relevant to you as well, such as why you may struggle to sleep or why you ate a meal as a child before vomiting and to this day that meal makes you feel sick. You can also study things relating to other people - why does the thought of mouldy food make people sick but blue cheese is considered delicious?"

Ptolemy,
BSc Psychology Graduate



"I really see Psychology as the study of the behaviour of humans and then linguistics as the study of behaviour of language. Having that interaction really helped to give me a well-rounded view of things like, the way language is used socially (for example in Social Psychology) and then the way it works in the brain (in Psychobiology modules for example) and how people cope with language after brain traumas so that's why I wanted the balance of both."

Phoebe, BSc Psychology
with Linguistics Graduate

BSc PSYCHOLOGY WITH LINGUISTICS

This BPS accredited course combines a broad grounding in psychology with the study of the structure of language and communication. You'll gain a critical awareness of psychological research and theory, the ability to analyse the structure of language and patterns of language, plus communication, research, presentation and collaboration skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A level: AAA, including grade B/6 in GCSE Mathematics or Statistics

IB: 36 points, including 4 in Higher Level Mathematics or 5 in Standard Level Mathematics, and 4 in Higher Level Science or 5 in Standard Level Science - if Mathematics or Science requirements are not met through GCSEs.

For more information around entry requirements see [warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/psychologylinguistics](https://www.warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/psychologylinguistics)

COURSE STRUCTURE

The majority of the course will focus on psychology, covering areas of the BSc Psychology programme (*see page 4*).

The remainder of the course comprises of Linguistics modules, which not only introduce you to the structure of language, but also emphasise psycholinguistics (how adults learn a second language and how children learn the first language) and language use in real-world contexts (how people get their message across in different social settings). Topics covered reflect Warwick's unique research expertise in areas such as bilingualism, nonverbal behaviour, and cross-cultural communication.

YEAR ONE

You will follow the same modules as the BSc Psychology programme but you will take 'Linguistics: Understanding Language' in place of the optional module.

YEAR TWO

As well as a group research project you will study six core modules from seven options:

- Language and Cognition
- Further Methods in Psychology
- Phonetics and Phonology
- Morphology & Syntax
- Developmental Psychology
- Psychobiology
- Individual Differences

YEAR THREE

You will undertake a final-year project showcasing your learning and focusing on your area of interest.

There is one core module:

- Social Psychology

Plus two options from:

- Sociolinguistics
- Multilingualism & Cultures
- Intercultural Pragmatics
- Language, Society & Power
- Dialects

Plus at least two optional Psychology modules and one other module from Psychology or Linguistics, or an outside option.

Modules are subject to change for a full list of current modules please see: [courses.warwick.ac.uk/modules](https://www.warwick.ac.uk/modules)

BSc PSYCHOLOGY WITH EDUCATION STUDIES

Psychology and Education Studies both have a focus on learning and teaching. This BPS accredited degree draws on Warwick's research strengths across the Department of Psychology and the Centre for Education Studies (CES). We focus on critically analysing the nature, purposes and complexities of psychology and education in a fast-changing, globalised world. This course will appeal to you if you are interested in a career in the education field.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A level: AAB, including grade B/6 in GCSE Mathematics or Statistics

IB: 34 points, including 4 in Higher Level Mathematics or 5 in Standard Level Mathematics, and 4 in Higher Level Science or 5 in Standard Level Science - if Mathematics or Science requirements are not met through GCSEs.

For more information around entry requirements see [warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/psychologyeducation](https://www.warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/psychologyeducation)

COURSE STRUCTURE

The first year follows the BSc Psychology core programme (see [page 4](#)) and an introduction to Education Studies through two CES modules. Moving into the second year, we again bring two CES modules into the core Psychology offer. In your third year you can tailor the course to your interests, through a range of optional modules across both departments.

YEAR ONE

You will study the core BSc Psychology modules alongside 'Education Today' and 'Theories of Learning'.

YEAR TWO

As well as a group research project you will study seven modules:

- Language and Cognition
- Further Methods in Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Psychobiology
- Individual Differences
- Two CES modules from a range such as: Disputes & Debates; Globalisation & Education; Philosophy in Education; Masculinities, Fatherhood & Young Children.

YEAR THREE

You will undertake a final-year project showcasing your learning and focusing on your area of interest.

There is one core module:

- Social Psychology

Plus five options:

- Third-year optional Psychology modules (minimum of two)
- CES modules from a range such as: Children's Literature in Childhood; Philosophy in Education; and Introduction to Special Educational Needs and Disability.

"The best thing about it is it feels like I'm doing two degrees. I chose with Education Studies because I have a lot of family members who are teachers and one of my ambitions is to help widening participation outreach bring education to countries where it's not readily available."

Nana,
2nd Year BSc Psychology
with Education Studies Student

Modules are subject to change for a full list of current modules please see: courses.warwick.ac.uk/modules



PSYCHOLOGY MODULES

Below are examples of modules which would make up the BSc Psychology course. For full details, and for Psychology with Linguistics and Psychology with Education Studies modules, please see warwick.ac.uk/psychology

YEAR ONE

Core modules that build the foundations of Psychology at Warwick:

Brain & Behaviour	Biology of behaviour, perception & action
Neuropsychology & Psychopathology	Neuropsychology of cognition and emotion, psychopathology
Psychology in Context	history of psychology, developmental psychology and psychology of learning
Research and Statistical Methods for Psychology Students	Introducing statistical analysis and experimental design, and setting the scene for practical work in research assessed by a first year project
Becoming a Psychologist	Aiding the transition to working at degree level and the skills needed to succeed in a Psychology degree course

In addition, you will take optional modules, such as ‘Psychology in the Real World’ or a module from another department.

YEAR TWO

Modules delve deeper into the core areas in Psychology and contemporary research. These may include:

Individual Differences	Research, methods and theory around understanding, personality and intelligence.
Language and Cognition	Mechanisms underlying language, gestures, decision making and problem solving.
Perception, Planning and Action	The neurobiology of perception, effects of neuropsychological deficits, and attention.
Further methods in Psychology	Conceptual and practical approaches you can apply to your own research or when evaluating claims made in journals.
Developmental Psychology	Current research on infancy, childhood and adolescence and links into reasoning, language and social relationships in adults.
Psychobiology	Complexities of the nervous system, its interaction with the endocrine system and how that relates to human behaviour.
Social Psychology	Scientific study of human behaviour in society.

In addition, you will undertake a group project and may take one optional module from another department.

YEAR THREE

You will conduct an individual project showcasing the full range of intellectual and practical skills you have developed throughout your degree and choose six optional modules that interest you such as:

Perspectives in Clinical and Counselling Psychology	How do we explain and treat mental health conditions whilst working ethically and safely with clients?
How you feel: A story of the Mind told by the Body	How we sense, perceive and experience the body and its relationship to the environment.
Issues in Families and Development	How do children cope with conditions such as ADHD? Are kids affected by being raised in unusual situations?
Psychology and the Law	How can psychological science inform policy and practice within the criminal justice system?
Negotiation and Influence	A practical understanding of how to use behavioural science and experimental psychology to influence behaviour.
Psychology Across Cultures	Immigration, conflict, globalisation and cultural change: how and why do our basic psychological processes, values and behaviour differ across cultures?
Sleep and Health	A journey through the science of sleep: what is it? How does it work? And what are its associations with wellbeing?
Theory and Research on Emotion	Happiness, shame, aggression, compassion: a psychological perspective on irrational aspects of everyday life.
Psychology of Intellectual Disabilities & Sensory Impairments	A modern and historical view of the perception, diagnosis and management of developmental disability.
Animal Behaviour	The bases and evolutionary roots of human behaviour demonstrated by the behaviour of other animals.

All modules are subject to change. For a full list of current modules please see: courses.warwick.ac.uk/modules

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

You will have a combination of lectures and seminars and practical classes. Lectures introduce you to a particular topic. During weekly seminars you build on the knowledge, theories and ideas from the lectures and readings, sharing your views about the topic and debating the issues. Seminars give you personal access to the tutor as well as the opportunity to voice your views in a smaller group.

Example of a first year timetable:

	9.05 - 9.55	10.05 - 10.55	11.05 - 11.55	12.05 - 12.55	13.05 - 13.55	14.05 - 14.55	15.05 - 15.55	16.05 - 16.55
MON			PS125L Research and statistical methods for psychology students lecture				PS125P Research and statistical methods for psychology students practical class	
TUE	PS121L Brain & Behaviour lecture		PS123L Psychology in the Real world 1 Lecture		PS117L Becoming a Psychologist lecture			
WED		Tutor group meeting						
THUR		PS117S Becoming a Psychologist Seminar						
FRI			PS121L Brain & Behaviour lecture					

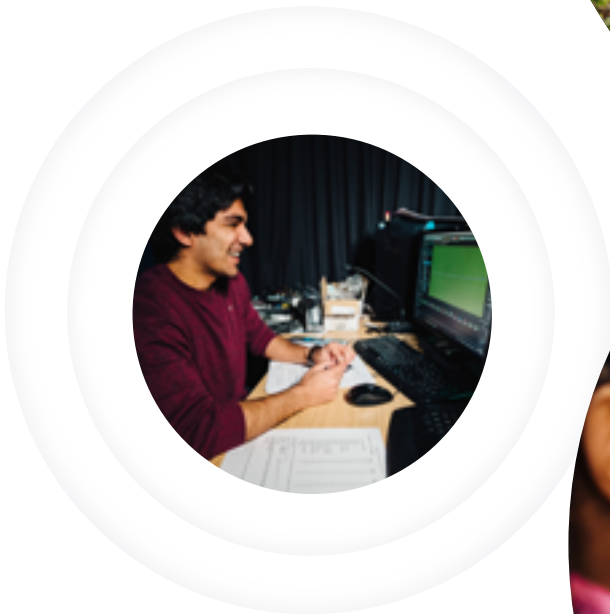
Second and third year timetables are busier with more modules for shorter durations, they will also vary depending on the options chosen. Normally the majority of teaching is in the first two terms so students can focus on revision, project work and assessments in term three.

ASSESSMENT

We typically assess modules through a mix of exams and essays, as well as online quizzes, group presentations, and research reports. Annual Research Projects are an important part of the degree programme, so by the third year our students have the skills and expertise to produce award-winning work.

As well as more traditional assessments, we also like to draw out your creative side, for example by asking you to produce video presentations.

We will also set you essays which are not assessed, and will not necessarily contribute marks to your overall grade but will provide you with invaluable feedback and ideas about how to develop your style and skills.





HOW RESEARCH WILL ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE

Our research-driven department can offer you the kind of physical and intellectual environment that'll inspire you to succeed.

"It's a department with a very strong focus on research. We get our students to do a 1st year, 2nd year and 3rd year project. So by the time they get to their 3rd year they are really experienced researchers and that means their projects are really good, some of them go on to get published or to be presented at conferences."

Hester Duffy,
Admission Tutor,
Department of Psychology

We're widely recognised as one of the UK's top research departments, and work closely with the NHS, the police, and international bodies such as the United Nations. That research is created by our team of acclaimed academics, whose sense of curiosity is shared across the department.

At Warwick, we want you to really get under the skin of psychology... and our research allows you to do this. You'll gain a deeper knowledge of key topics because you'll be taught by experts uncovering leading-edge understanding about those topics. By sharing their own investigations into psychology concepts, our academics will provide you with the groundwork to develop your own research approach.

You'll also get practical opportunities to make a research impact. Every year you undertake a research project, develop your research skills and, during the summer, you can apply to our

Undergraduate Research Support Scheme. This is a competitive scheme which allows successful applicants to work on a project of their choosing with an expert in their field. Students are also able to experience the other side of research by participating in a range of experiments, both in Psychology and throughout the University.

To conduct excellent research, it's vital to have facilities that are up to the task. For our pioneering insight into sleep, our Sleep and Pain lab provides insight into the science and clinical aspects of our sleep and health. Our infant behaviour labs allow us to investigate the development of language and gesture and we are one of the only UK Psychology departments to have a driving simulator. Besides this, we have a range of biophysical testing equipment that's available for projects, while across the University, you'll find teaching and learning spaces of the highest standard



HOW WE'LL SUPPORT YOU

Throughout your degree, our staff will be close by to give you advice, guidance, and recommendations on where your newly-developed skills can take you.

The size of Warwick's Psychology department is ideal for building a close, supportive relationship with our academic staff. It's also somewhere where your voice will not be lost in the crowd: if you have recommendations or concerns you want to share with the department, we'll be prepared to listen and willing to take action.

From the outset, you'll be allocated a **personal tutor** who will keep an eye both your academic progress and your personal wellbeing. The University also prides itself on a wider support network, enabling you to easily access professional advice and guidance throughout your time here.

For each module you take, **module tutors** will provide you with specific advice about the subject matter, with advice on essays and assignments. Module tutors have weekly one-to-one academic support and feedback hours where you can seek guidance on your essays and ask questions about feedback you have received.

As well as support from the academics you can also receive peer- to-peer support with our **Peer Mentoring Scheme**. You will be shown the way by a second year student who has been through it before. You can continue with this support throughout your degree and once you are a second year you

could do the same for others. At a University level, Warwick also offers the **Warwick Award**, designed to develop and showcase your employability skills to help you perfect your academic skills. An Academic Support Librarian offers training in literature searching, finding and using information, avoiding plagiarism, and referencing tools.

If you want to share your interest in Psychology with students outside of the department, you can join the student-led **PsychSoc**. They organise a range of social and academic events, such as sporting events, quizzes, meals out and also including the **Psychology Ball**.

warwicksu.com/societies/psychology

"You are part of an academic and scientific family from the minute you walk through the door."

Elisabeth Blagrove,
Senior Teaching Fellow,
Department of Psychology

PLACEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Although top employers see our Warwick graduates as motivated and knowledgeable, they equally keen to hear about our students' broad range of interests outside of academic studies. Alongside PsychSoc and the hundreds of other societies and sports clubs on offer at Warwick, there are more exciting opportunities within Psychology.

STUDY ABROAD OPTION

In an interconnected world, employers greatly value an international perspective. Studying abroad provides you with a first-hand opportunity to explore how culture influences psychological processes and develop a range of valuable skills that give you a competitive advantage in the graduate market.

Our department is part of the University's large global network of exchange partners, with long-standing agreements with prestigious universities around the world. A particularly popular Warwick option is with Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, acknowledged as one of the world's top universities. Opportunities also exist in Brazil, China, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, Singapore, South Korea, Spain and the USA. For a full and current list of our partners see:

warwick.ac.uk/studyabroad

Typically, when students choose to study abroad, they apply in their second year for an intercalated third year of study at a partner institution.

Students then return to Warwick for their final year. Our student funding service can advise on financing your year away.

warwick.ac.uk/studentfunding

WORK EXPERIENCE

The department offers a work placement module to final year students and there is the opportunity for students to undertake a work placement between the second and third year. Students find their own placements and are supported to take a year out of study to work.

warwick.ac.uk/psychplacements

Our students can also take up a variety of work experience opportunities alongside their studies or during holidays and are supported in this. These have included mental health work placements abroad, Nightline counselling posts, involvement in the Psychology student magazine Cognoscenti and opportunities through Warwick Volunteers.

warwick.ac.uk/volunteers

"Securing a spring week internship at an investment bank is my biggest achievement to date. Though it is a very competitive sector with most people coming from Economics and Maths backgrounds, it showed me how versatile Psychology is as a degree. During my interview, people were eager to learn more about why I chose finance doing a Psychology degree and what the link was between them. This definitely helped me to stand out.

During the week I was given a breakdown about each division in the bank, as well as taught important skills such as networking. This will help greatly in my future endeavours. Spring weeks are very useful as they ease you into the investment banking industry; I would definitely recommend it for anyone interested in finance!"

Faith,
BSc Psychology Graduate



CAREERS

Throughout your degree, you'll focus on a range of skills that will prepare you for a broad variety of career opportunities. We'll provide you with the specialised support to help identify those opportunities.

We have a dedicated Careers Consultant, who is on hand to offer practical sessions and one-to-one guidance to help you decide what you want to do after graduation. Your degree will open a variety of doors not just in psychological research, neuroscience or mental health, but also in areas like law, education, business, finance and advertising.

For more information visit our careers and skills page warwick.ac.uk/services/careers

Our graduates have gone on to work for employers including:

- NHS
- Cancer Research UK
- EY
- Hewett Recruitment
- IBM
- John Lewis and Partners
- Kuehne + Nagel
- The Forward Trust
- Teach First

They pursue roles such as:

- Clinical psychologists
- Counsellors
- Teachers
- Educational psychologists
- Health psychologists
- Business, research and administrative professionals
- Financial and accounting technicians
- Marketing professionals
- Management consultants
- Business analysts

Our graduates go on to Master's degrees and PhDs at prestigious universities in the UK and overseas.

Further study opportunities include our own programmes:

- MSc Clinical Applications of Psychology (with work placement)
- MSc Behavioural and Data Science
- MSc Behavioural and Economic Science
- MSc Psychological Research
- PhD / MPhil / MSc in Psychology (Research)
- Clinical Psychology Doctorate programme (with Coventry University)

"My advice would be to take up as many opportunities as you can at Warwick! My Undergraduate Research Scholarship Scheme research was really useful for my MSc application."

Beckie,
BSc Psychology Graduate,
Neuroscientist

"The overall degree influenced my passion to understand more about people, but in a working environment, where typically mental health is overlooked (compared to a clinical setting). Modules such as Psychology across Cultures and any that we completed that focused on Behavioural Economics, inspired me to research how I can utilise Psychology but within business. That was when I realised that within HR Consulting, there is a big market for work around culture assessments, behavioural change and mindset shift, where Professional Services companies (like PwC) actually utilise Psychology theories/studies in their offerings to clients."

Amreet,
BSc Psychology Graduate,
People & Organisation
Associate at PwC



HOW TO APPLY

Everything you need to know about applying to Warwick is on our web pages. There is up-to-date information about:

- How to apply
- Writing your personal statement
- Key dates and deadlines
- How we process your application
- After you've applied

If you are made and accept an offer, and meet any outstanding conditions, we will confirm your place and look forward to warmly welcoming you at the start of your life here at Warwick.

How to apply:
warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply

OVERSEAS APPLICANTS

At Warwick, we welcome applications from across the globe, and have dedicated teams available to advise and support, as well as a global network of Agents and Representatives.

Overseas application advice:
warwick.ac.uk/io

STUDENT FEES AND FUNDING

We want to ensure that, wherever possible, financial circumstances do not become a barrier to studying at Warwick. We provide extra financial support for qualifying students from lower income families.

Fees and funding:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/studentfunding>

ACCOMMODATION

We manage approximately 7,500 self-catered rooms on campus for different budgets and requirements. Living on campus in your first year gives you the opportunity to meet people and form friendships whilst never being more than a short distance from your lectures or our amazing campus facilities. At Warwick, you'll enjoy the freedom of independent living with the security of knowing you're surrounded by people who can support you.

Living on campus:
warwick.ac.uk/accommodation

DISCOVER MORE

If you have questions about living and studying at Warwick, speak to our current students to get answers on:

- Campus life
- Accommodation
- Study support, wellbeing and more

Unibuddy:
warwick.ac.uk/study/unibuddy

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