

Department of Psychology

About the department

In the Department of Psychology our world-class researchers teach at all levels of our degree courses, giving you the opportunity to learn from psychologists at the forefront of the discipline. We were ranked joint 3rd out of Psychology Departments in the UK (Times Higher Education, The Research Excellence Framework, 2021) for the quality and impact of our research. We are one of the best-equipped psychology departments in the country with our own on-site magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner, instruments for recording electrical changes in the brain (EEG) and for stimulating brain areas (TMS). We also have technology for eye tracking, virtual reality environments, a sleep lab and a baby lab for studying the development of young infants. We're passionate about our teaching and you'll be part of a dynamic and engaging community of learning. Our students appreciate the support they receive from our staff, and we are consistently in the top 10% of all UK psychology departments in terms of undergraduate student satisfaction.

Entry requirements

Modules in the Department of Psychology are open to all Study Abroad, International Exchange, and European Exchange students, provided previous experience in and knowledge of Psychology can be evidenced. Owing to the popularity of Psychology modules and limited classroom capacity, we are currently only able to offer modules to **Visiting Students who are Psychology Majors or Minors**. We would like to take this opportunity to remind applicants that first-year modules at UK universities can generally be considered as roughly comparable to 200 level modules in the American university system or requiring at least 1 full year of previous study of Psychology at another institution.

Students visiting Royal Holloway for Term 1 only (Autumn term) should take the V module versions as these have modified assessments to account for students not being available for Summer examinations.

The information contained in the module outlines on the following pages is correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change as part of our policy of continuous improvement and development.



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Module options for visiting students 2025-26

Module number	Module title	Run time	UK Credits	Link to syllabus
PS1030	Understanding Individuals and Groups	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year module (i.e. beginner level).
PS1030V	Understanding Individuals and Groups	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year module (i.e. beginner level).
PS1040	Understanding Development across the Lifespan	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year module (i.e. beginner level).
PS1080	Understanding Perception and Cognition	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year module (i.e. beginner level).
PS1090	Understanding Neuroscience	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year module (i.e. beginner level).
PS1090V	Understanding Neuroscience	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year module (i.e. beginner level).
PS1110	Understanding Mental Health and Wellbeing	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year module (i.e. beginner level).
PS2021	Cognitive Psychology	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information This is a second-year module (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge of cognitive psychology will be beneficial.



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PS2021V	Cognitive Psychology	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information This is a second-year module (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge of cognitive psychology will be beneficial.
PS2030	Social Psychology	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information This is a second-year module (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge of social psychology will be beneficial.
PS2040	Developmental Psychology	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information This is a second-year module (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge of developmental psychology will be beneficial.
PS2050	Personality & Individual Differences	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information This is a second-year module (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge of psychology will be beneficial.
PS2050V	Personality & Individual Differences	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information This is a second-year module (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge of psychology will be beneficial.
PS2061	Brain & Behaviour	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information This is a second-year module (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge of biological psychology will be beneficial.
PS3050	Health Psychology and Wellbeing	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information Suitability to study this module will be assessed by the Department on a case-by-case basis. This is a third-year module (i.e. expert level).



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PS3151	Occupational & Organisational Psychology	Term 1	15:00	Syllabus Information Suitability to study this module will be assessed by the Department on a case-by-case basis. This is a third-year module and excellent knowledge of social psychology is required.
PS3151V	Occupational & Organisational Psychology	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information Suitability to study this module will be assessed by the Department on a case-by-case basis. This is a third-year module and excellent knowledge of social psychology is required.
PS3181	Criminal & Forensic Psychology	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information Suitability to study this module will be assessed by the Department on a case-by-case basis. This is a third-year module and excellent knowledge of cognitive and social psychology is required.
PS3190	Educational Psychology	Term 2	15.00	Syllabus Information Suitability to study this module will be assessed by the Department on a case-by-case basis. This is a third-year module (i.e. expert level) and excellent knowledge of developmental psychology is required.
PS3230	Psychology of Brain Injury	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information Suitability to study this module will be assessed by the Department on a case-by-case basis. This is a third-year module.
PS3230V	Psychology of Brain Injury	Term 1	15.00	Syllabus Information Suitability to study this module will be assessed by the Department on a case-by-case basis. This is a third-year module.



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