

BSc with Honours in Psychology – 2020 entry

Duration of programme: 4 years (where students join the programme in year 1)

Award on successful completion: Bachelor of Science with Honours

Accreditation: British Psychological Society – eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartership

Location of delivery: Abertay University, Bell Street, Dundee

Composition of the programme: 120 SCQF (Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework) credits in each academic year, delivered in modules of 20 credits each, with 3 modules taken in term 1, and 3 in term 2 each year. The final year includes a 40 credit independent project.

Contact hours and workload: Each academic year typically requires 1200 hours of student effort; on average across the 4 years of this programme, 21% of that time is in lectures, seminars and similar activities; the remainder is independent study.

Assessment methods: Assessment is by a range of methods including exams, vivas, practical laboratory reports, case studies, essays and student presentations.

Academic staff: This programme is delivered by staff in the Division of Psychology and Forensic Sciences in the School of Applied Sciences. Staff profiles can be viewed at

<https://www.abertay.ac.uk/staff-search>

Core modules in the programme:
Introductory Psychology
Introduction to Psychological Research Methods
Cognitive and Social Perspectives on Psychology
Human Variability: Psychobiology and Behaviour
Human Development Across the Lifespan
Essential Research Methods and Analyses for Psychology
Advanced Research Design and Analysis
Psychology Project
Other modules that may be offered, but are subject to change over time:
Evidence-based thinking: scientific approaches to studying human behaviour
Language and Education
Psychology in the Real World
Psychology Mythbusters
Human Evolutionary Psychology
Forensic Psychology: Understanding Offender Behaviour
Psychology and Technology: Advanced Methods
Philosophy of science, mind and the self
Brain in action: from dance to trance
Cultural evolution of behaviour
Brain and Behaviour
Investigative Psychology and the Law: Applying Psychology from Crime Scene to Court
Mental Health and Aging
Work Placement and Review

Mindfulness
Advanced Cognition and the Social Brain

Developments in the discipline

The discipline of psychology is continually evolving, with most new developments coming in experimental and statistical methods. The use of neural imaging techniques is the most significant advancement in understanding the links between brain and behaviour of recent times. However, the core subject disciplines are unlikely to change. New developments are readily incorporated into the core curriculum without having to fundamentally change the programme structure.