



**Bournemouth
University**

BSc (Hons) Psychology Courses

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Welcome to Psychology at Bournemouth University

Why Study Psychology? And Why BU?

- Psychology is related to most careers and is seen as a useful degree to have in the world of work.
- Psychology equips you with:
 - Skills gained as a scientist
 - Transferable skills that are desirable in many careers

Example: Tech companies looking for employees with understanding of Cyberpsychology (the Psychology of technology) – Cyberpsychology is one of our programme specialisms.



Professional Body Accreditation

- Undergraduate Psychology degrees need to be accredited by the British Psychological Society.
- Accreditation provides the Graduate Basis for the Chartered Membership (GBC) of the BPS.
- This is essential to be eligible for various post-graduate studies and professional training.
- **All of our UG courses are BPS accredited.**

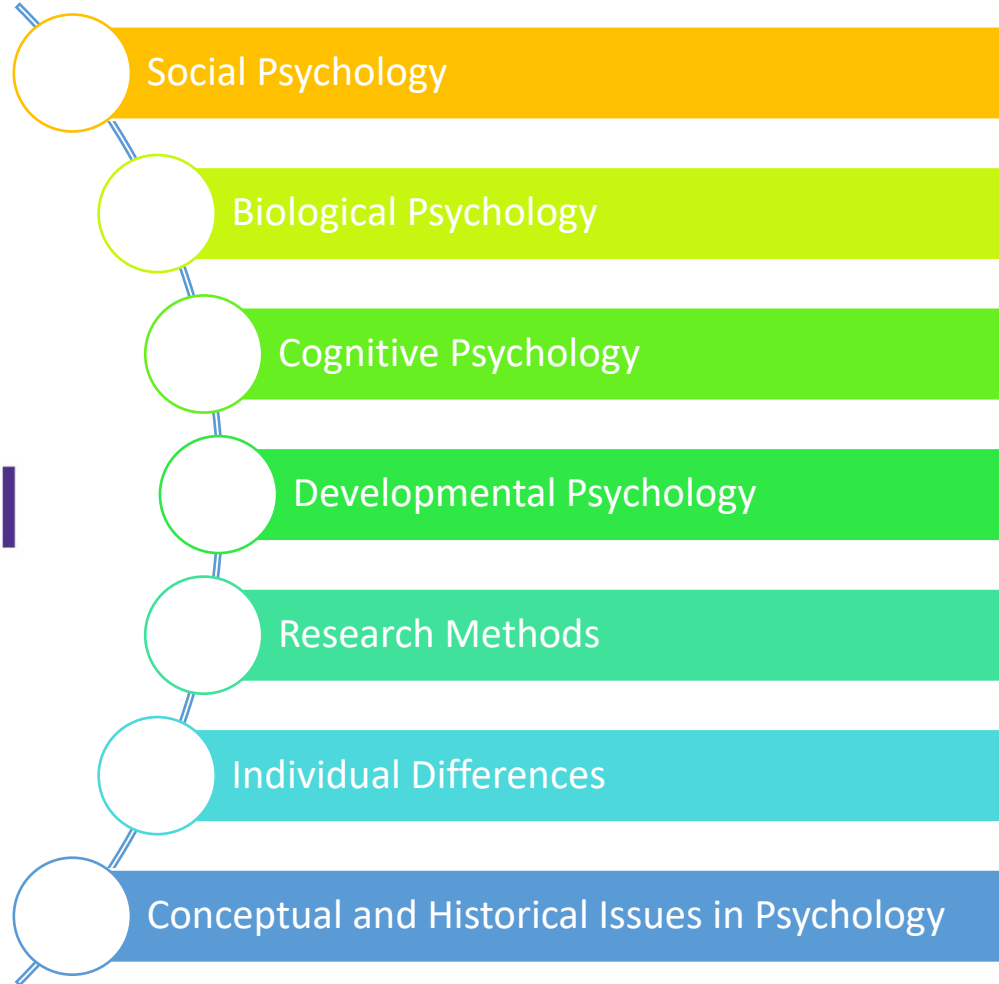


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Core BPS Curriculum Areas



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Psychology and Careers



Forensic



Sport and Exercise



Health



Neuro and biology



Education



Counselling



Clinical



Cyber



Occupational



Teaching



Research



Our Programmes

- BSc. (Hons) Psychology
- BSc. (Hons) Cyberpsychology
- BSc. (Hons) Psychology with Counselling
- BSc. (Hons) Psychology with Forensic Investigation

Optional Foundation Year

BSc. (Hons) Psychology

Year 1	Year 2
Developmental and Clinical Psychology	Biological Psychology
Critically Evaluating Psychology: Past and Present	Personality, Intelligence & Social Psychology
Experimental Methods & Statistical Analysis	Statistics and Research Methods
Biological & Cognitive Psychology	Developmental & Applied Psychology
Social Psychology & Individual Differences	Cognition & Language
Qualitative Research Methods	Research Methods and Analytics

Final Year Units for BSc. (Hons) Psychology (select 4)

- Forensic Psychology
- Memory & Decision Making
- Mind, Brain & Evolution
- Face Recognition & its Disorders
- Educational Psychology & Special Educational Needs (SEN)
- Cultural Psychology
- Current Trends in Cognitive & Clinical Neuroscience
- Psychology of Social Media & Videogames
- Cyberpsychology and Cyberwarfare
- Health Psychology
- Applied Clinical Psychology
- Psychology of Sexualities
- Emotions, Mental Health and Affective Neuroscience
- Mind Over Matter in Medicine
- Neuroimaging
- Counselling Psychology





Course Structure for our Specialised Programmes

- All specialised programmes share units with the BSc. Psychology (and where this is the case, content is tailored to the specialism).
- Shared units run along side specialised units as follows:
 - In year 1 - 1.5 units of specialism
 - In year 2 - 0.5 units of specialism
 - In year 3 – 2 units of specialism
- In the final year, you can select options to undertake in addition to core units relating to the specialism allowing you to tailor your studies.

BSc (Hons) Cyberpsychology

Year 1	Year 2
Developmental and Clinical Psychology	Biological Psychology
Human Computer Interaction	Personality, Intelligence & Social Psychology
Experimental Methods & Statistical Analysis	Research Methods & Analytics
Biological & Cognitive Psychology	Developmental and Applied Cyberpsychology
Social Psychology & Individual Differences	Cognition & Language
Qualitative Research Methods	Statistics and Research Methods

Final year students undertake two core units (Psychology of Social Media & Videogames; Cybersecurity & Cyberwarfare) and two selected options.

BSc. (Hons) Psychology with Forensic Investigation

Year 1	Year 2
Developmental and Clinical Psychology	Biological Psychology
Introduction to Forensic Investigation	Personality, Intelligence & Social Psychology
Experimental Methods & Statistical Analysis	Research Methods & Analytics
Biological & Cognitive Psychology	Developmental and Applied Forensic Investigation
Social Psychology & Individual Differences	Cognition & Language
Qualitative Research Methods	Statistic & Research Methods

Final year students undertake two core units (Forensic Law and Practice, and Forensic Psychology) in addition to two selected options.

BSc. (Hons) Psychology with Counselling

Year 1	Year 2
Developmental and Counselling	Biological Psychology
Skills for Therapy Practice	Personality, Intelligence & Social Psychology
Experimental Methods & Statistical Analysis	Research Methods & Analytics
Biological & Cognitive Psychology	Developmental and Applied Counselling Psychology
Social Psychology & Individual Differences	Cognition & Language
Qualitative Research Methods	Statistics & Research Methods

Final year students undertake two Core units (Applied Clinical Psychology and Counselling Psychology) in addition to two selected options.



Final Year Options for the Specialised Courses (select 2):

- Forensic Psychology
- Memory & Decision Making
- Mind, Brain & Evolution
- Neuroimaging
- Mind Over Matter in Medicine
- Face Recognition & its Disorders
- Educational Psychology & Special Educational Needs (SEN)
- Cultural Psychology
- Counselling Psychology
- Current Trends in Cognitive & Clinical Neuroscience
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Psychology Project

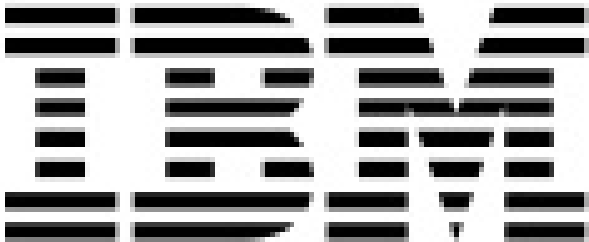
Students on all of our programmes undertake a project in final year.

This involves conducting an independent research project under the supervision of a member of academic staff.

Example: Some of our students have then presented this research at conferences:

- Daisy's story – Presenting at Budapest (click [here](#))
- BU hosted the Wessex Branch of the British Psychological Society (BPS) Annual Student Conference (2013 and 2016)





Work Placement Year

Optional Work Placement

- Minimum 30-week placement that can be carried out anywhere in the world.
- A placement offers the opportunity to gain work place experience and build contacts for future careers.
- Students gain understanding of how they can use their knowledge in real-life vocational contexts.
- Placements enhance student CVs and give them the competitive edge when finding jobs.
- Supported by dedicated placement team and departmental placements tutor.

Example: Charlotte's Story: Charlotte undertook 3 placements and was awarded the placement prize (click [here](#))

Teaching

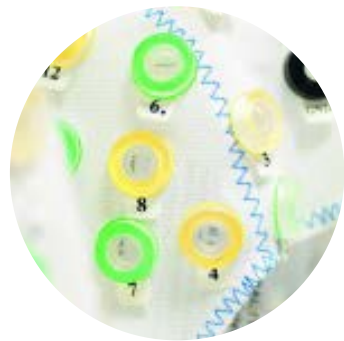
- Units are delivered via a mix of weekly lectures supplemented by weekly seminars and labs.
- Labs/seminars are smaller group teaching, run in AA groups across years 1 and 2 (so students get to know their group well).



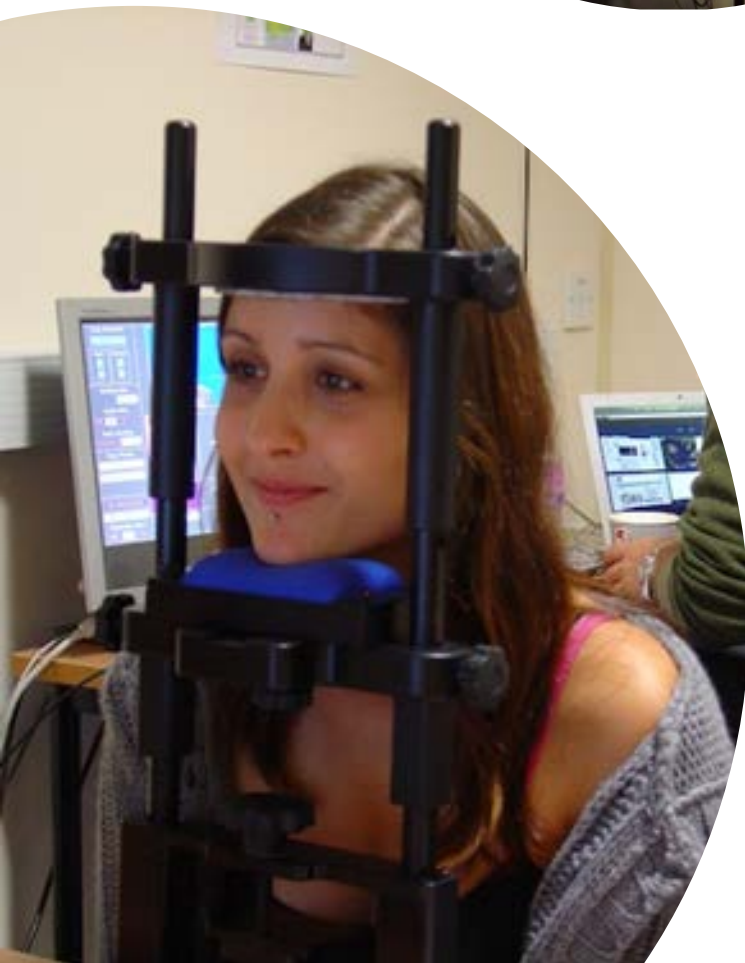
Assessment

- Most units are assessed by a mix of coursework assignments and examinations.
- **Coursework typically comprises:**
 - Essays, posters, lab reports, in-class tests, presentations.
- Research methods & statistics units (Years 1 & 2) are assessed solely by coursework.
 - These assignments are supported by weekly hands-on seminars (small group classes), where lecturers assist and guide students.





Research & Expertise



Department of Psychology
Research Themes, Groups and Centres

Key:

Research Themes: Venn circles

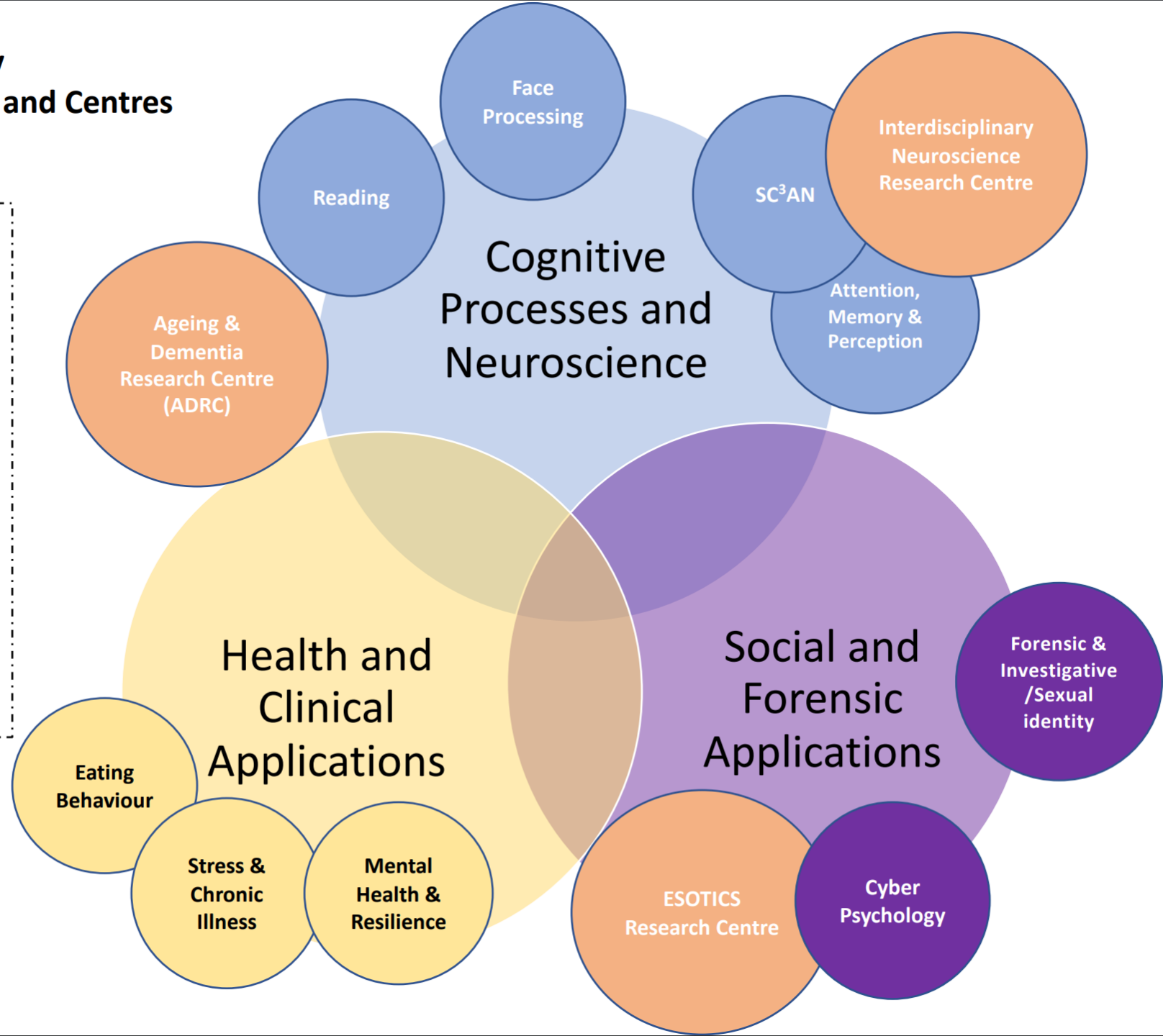
Research Groups:

Research Centres

Acronyms:

ESOTICS = Engineering and Social Informatics Research Centre

SC³AN = Social, Cognitive, Clinical and Affective Neuroscience Research Group





Support Systems & Student Opportunities

Course-Level Student Support

- Based in Poole House (currently).
- Very good staff to student ratio.
 - 1 staff member per 20 students.
- Regular scheduled Academic Advisor meetings.
- Psychology department newsletter.
- Regular office hours (3 hours per week for each staff member)
- Weekly seminars for each unit.
- Employability bulletin.



Course-level Student Support: Academic Advisors

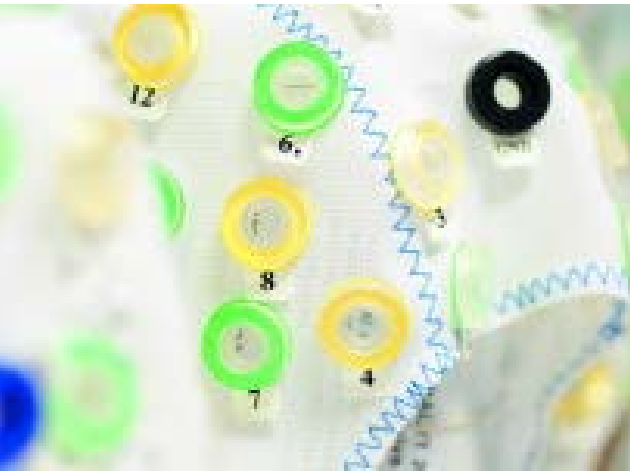
- Students are part of an academic advisor (AA) group (9-10 students per group).
 - Lecturers serve as AAs
 - Academic advisors provide one-to-one academic and pastoral support.
 - Includes discussion of tailored feedback from assignments.
 - Students have multiple scheduled meetings with their AA each semester
 - Same AA through all years of study.
 - All staff have three hours of office hours available per week.
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Course-level Student Support Specific to Year 1: Peer Assisted Learning (PAL)

- To assist with the transition to university level study, the university operates a PAL system.
 - Year 2 students are trained to be PAL Leaders.
 - PAL Leaders are assigned to each tutorial/seminar groups.
 - PAL sessions are timetabled fortnightly and aim to support transitioning and learning by:
 - Encouraging discussion and learning
 - Discussing adjustment to university life
 - Fostering group work and collaboration
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Psychology Labs & Facilities

- The Psychology Department has three dedicated computer labs (for teaching and general student use).
- **Other facilities include:** One way mirror, research labs, EEG machine, eye tracking, virtual reality lab, transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS).
- **Other specialist resources:** anatomical models, psychometrics tests, online survey platforms.

Research Assistant Scheme

Optional opportunity to working with staff on research projects on the following duties:

- Undertake literature reviews
- Design and program experiments
- Recruit and test participants
- Collect and analyse data
- Paid and voluntary schemes

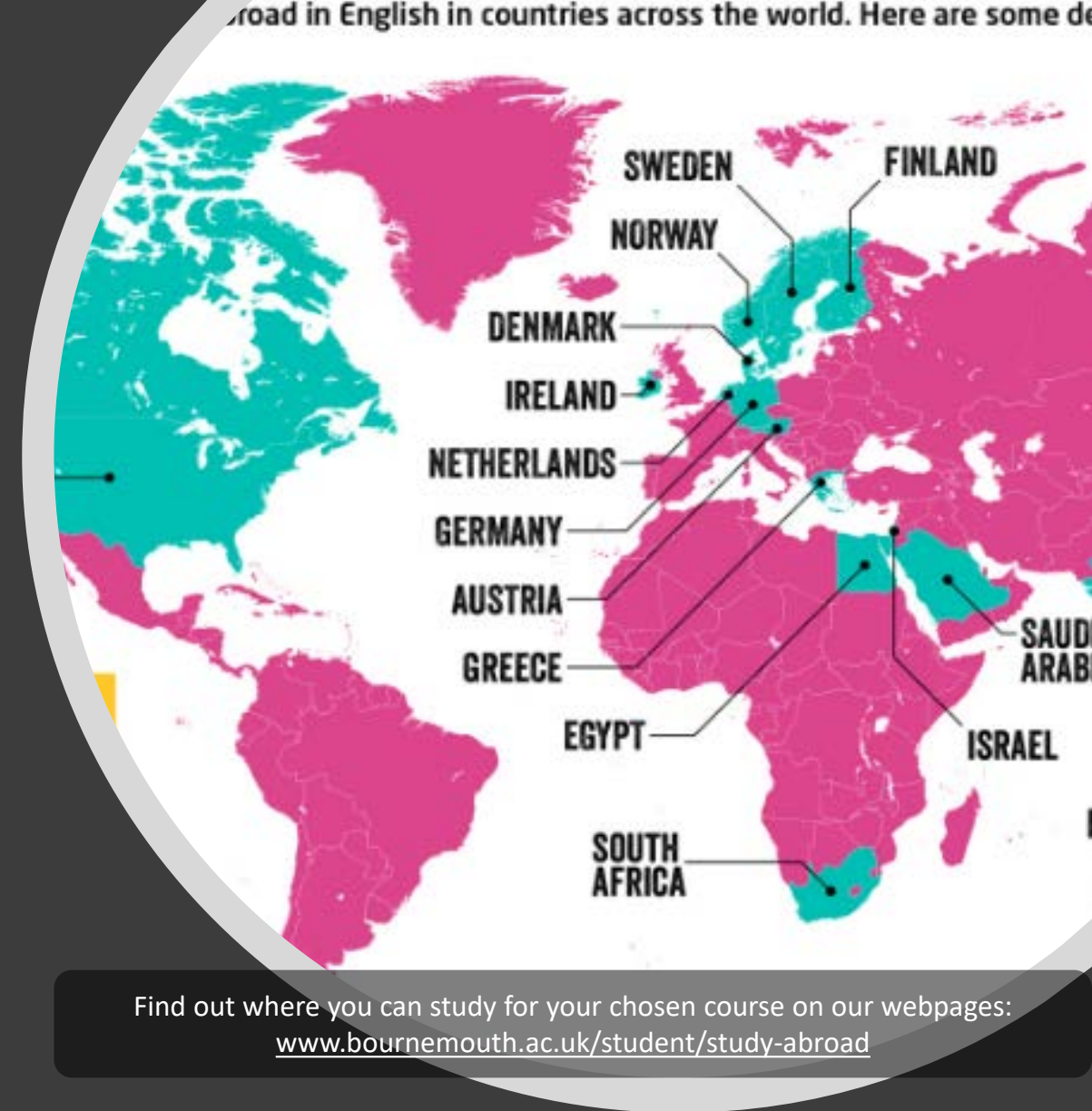
Outcomes:

- Could lead to final-year research project and professional collaboration
 - Skills to make students into independent researchers
 - Valuable work experience
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Study a Semester Abroad

- Choose from over 70 top universities across the world (e.g., France, Florida, Turkey and Thailand).
- Study abroad for a semester during your second year (need to apply during first year).
- All courses are taught in English.
- Keep student loan, no extra tuition fees.
- Fully supported by staff at BU and at the host university.



Key Information

- Option to choose a 3 / 4 year course (September start)
- 30 weeks work placement option (Year 3)
- Full-time

BSc. (Hons) Psychology - UCAS Code: C800 (C801 with Foundation Year)

BSc. (Hons) Cyberpsychology UCAS Code: C802 (C805 with Foundation Year)

BSc. (Hons) Psychology with Forensic Investigation: C803 (C804 with Foundation Year)

BSc. (Hons) Psychology with Counselling: C8B9 (C9B9 with Foundation Year)

Institution: B50

Feed UK/EU: £9,250

International: £15,250

Placement year: £850

Foundation Year: £9,250



Entry Requirements

**112-128 UCAS
points
from a minimum of
2 A-levels
or other equivalent
qualifications.**

Minimum GCSEs, at grades
C/4 and above, including Maths &
English Lang or Lit, or appropriate
Key Skills Level 2 or equivalent.

All subjects considered
except General Studies

Qualifications	Tariff Points*					
	96	104	112	120	128	136
A-levels	CCC	BCC	BBC ACC	BBB ABC A*CC	ABB A*BC	AAB A*BB
BTEC: Extended Diploma	MMM	DMM	DMM	DDM	DDM	DDD
BTEC: Diploma	DD	D*D	D*D*			
A-level & BTEC Diploma	A* / MP A / MP C / MM	A* / MP B / MM C / DM	A* / MM A / MM C / DM	A* / MM B / DM C / DD	A* / DM A / DM C / DD	A* / DM B / DD C / D*D
A-levels & BTEC Subsidiary Diploma	CC / M BB / P	CC / D BC / M AB / P	CC / D BB / M AA / P	CC / D* BC / D AB / M A*A / P	BC / D* BB / D A*B / M A*A* / P	BB / D* AB / D A*A / M
Access to HE	Any combination of Distinctions, Merits and Passes to make up the tariff points					

Science Foundation Year

- BU has a foundation year option for UK students who do not meet the entry requirements for the degree course.

What is a Foundation Year?

- An alternative route to access studying a full degree, involving an initial year of study that following successful completion, will enable you to progress onto the first year of one of our eligible undergraduate degrees.
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Who is a Foundation Year for?

A Foundation Year could be right for you if:

- You are a UK student (inc. ROI & CI)
 - You don't have the right qualifications for a full degree in your chosen subject
 - You have the qualifications but don't feel ready for degree-level study yet
 - You are returning to study and feel you need some help to get up to speed with the demands of learning before starting an undergraduate degree.
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Science Foundation Year: Structure

Foundation Year

Academic Study Skills

Applied Sciences

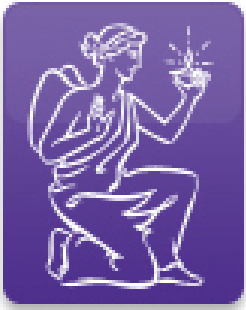
Introduction to Biology

Introduction to Psychology

Mathematics in Science

Foundation Year Project

48-72 UCAS tariff points. No set GCSE requirements.



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Promoting excellence in psychology



Psychology at BU: Summary of Benefits

- Quality Teaching
 - Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) Silver
- Good feedback and student satisfaction.
- Quality of Research.
- Recognition of the degree by British Psychological Society (BPS) for all four Psychology courses.
- A course that encourages and focuses on **employability**.
- Emphasis of application of psychology skills and knowledge beyond the classroom.

Further Information on the BSc (Hons) Psychology

- Further information on all of our programmes can be found on our website.
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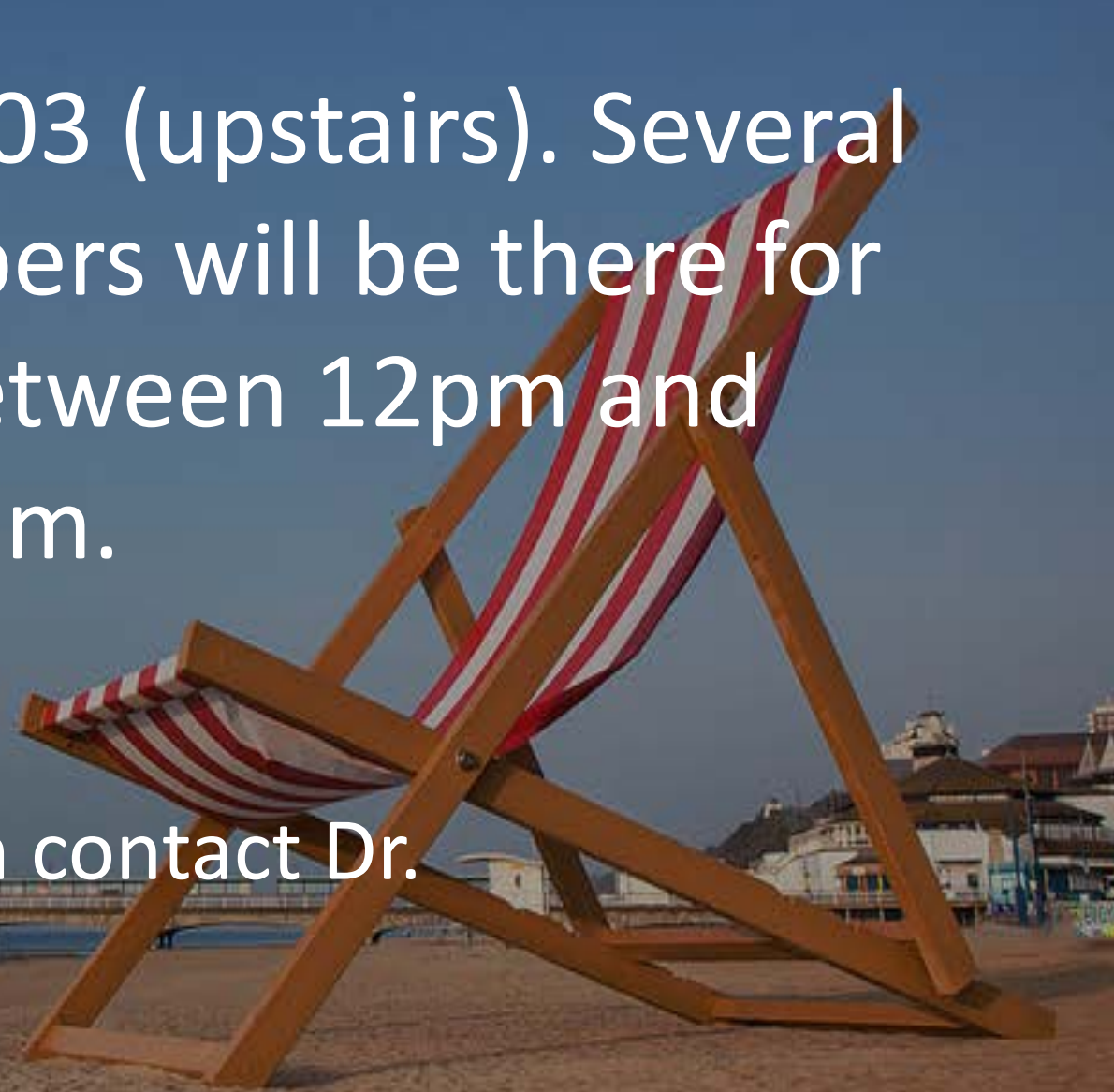
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Come and find us in K103 (upstairs). Several Psychology staff members will be there for a meet and greet between 12pm and 2:45pm.

For course related queries you can contact Dr. Sarah Hodge in psychology:
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Please note: The detail, dates and additional fees stated are correct at the time of presentation (October 2021). The latest information can be found at www.bournemouth.ac.uk/courses.

Questions? We've got answers.
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