

# Studying Psychology at University



# Why choose Psychology?

If you are interested in Psychology and hope to further your career in this field, then maybe a Psychology degree is your next step.

Some Universities will accept you onto a Psychology degree without having studied it at A-Level. However, you will have an advantage if you have studied it before.



# Remember....

Psychology is a **science!**

You will be expected to conduct research and analyse findings. At University this is in greater detail, and the mathematical analysis gets a little more complex. However, you do have a stats package available on the computer (SPSS) to help you.



# What grades will I need?

Course requirements vary depending on the type of University – older, more traditional Universities may specify higher grades, especially prestigious places such as Oxford and Cambridge.

Usually, you are required to gain three A-levels at grades B or above, however, as Psychology is a competitive course many Universities are asking for A grade profiles. It is a good idea to research the top 10 Universities for Psychology. These are ranked in order every year.

[Best Universities for Psychology](#)

# What type of courses are offered?

When applying for a Psychology degree it is important to check the details of the course – particularly the **BPS status**. You want the course to be credited for **Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC)** should you wish to go into a career as a Chartered Psychologist.

Ideally you are looking for a BSc (HONS) degree. This can be a single honours or combined course, i.e. BSc (HONS) Psychology with Biology.

# What will I do in Psychology at Uni?

University courses vary depending on the specialism held within the departments. At some Universities they specialise in Social Psychology whereas others specialise in Cognitive Psychology & Neuroscience. It is worthwhile researching these facts prior to application especially if you want a specialised career.

See the [UCAS website](#) for more information.

# Are some Uni's better than others?

Yes!

Check the list of the **Top 10 Universities** in the UK. This is important if you wish to do further study (i.e. Master degree or PHD) and if you want to pursue a specialised career path.

Some employers do rate some Universities as more prestigious than others. This can affect the credibility of your degree.

# What career choices do I have when I graduate?

There are many options you have once you graduate – you can do further study or go into a specialised area of Psychology or use your skills/ knowledge in a totally unrelated job.



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