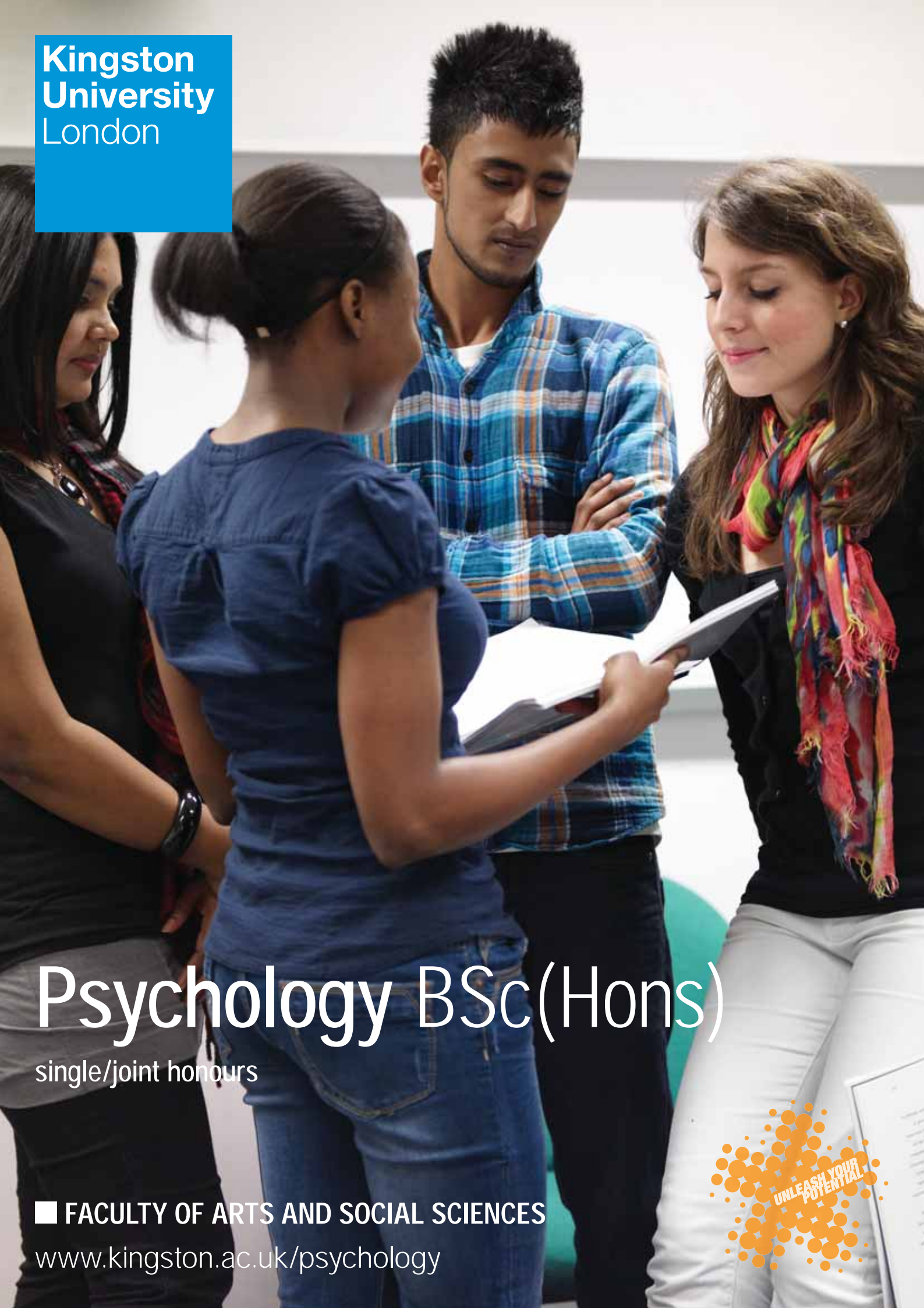


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Psychology may be described as the scientific study of mind and behaviour. It involves asking questions about human experience; for example, most of us are interested to know why people behave as they do, particularly when they behave badly or strangely. We may look to films or novels for the answers or we may draw conclusions based on our own observations. Psychology, however, goes beyond this by testing our theories and assumptions about human nature using scientific procedures. A Psychology degree will therefore equip you with practical skills and a range of theoretical insights that will increase your understanding of the human condition. To give you an idea of what psychologists do, consider the following questions.

- How might we explain, diagnose and cure mental illness?
- Is it really dangerous to use a mobile phone while driving?
- How does human memory work?
- How can we reduce conflict and prejudice between groups of people?
- Why do people gamble?
- What is the link between thoughts, emotions and health?

## Our programme

At Kingston you will be taught the science of psychology, learn how to become a scientific psychologist, and explore and learn the practical application of the discipline.

The programme is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) as conferring eligibility for graduate membership of the Society with the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) – the first step towards becoming a chartered psychologist. Students must graduate from the full field and the major route with the minimum of second-class honours to qualify for the GBC. This is a standard BPS condition.

## Resources

You will be working in a modern environment with purpose-built research laboratories and offices. There are excellent computer facilities with technical support available, and you will be taught by academics that have a wide range of research interests.

## Psychology A-level

While it may be an advantage to have studied A-level Psychology before embarking on the degree, it is not a prerequisite. Many students make excellent progress through the course without any prior experience.



## Teaching and support

The Psychology team is a young, friendly and dynamic group of researchers who are experienced in teaching their specialist areas. A programme of research seminars invites staff from Kingston and other universities to present their current research in an informal setting. Students are invited to attend and join in the discussion – an activity designed to complement the formal instruction given in the timetabled lectures.

## International links

The team has research links with universities in Australia, USA, Canada, New Zealand and Europe. There are also student exchange programmes with universities in the USA.

## Careers

Psychology graduates are numerate and literate, which makes them attractive to employers. During your studies you will acquire data analysis skills, knowledge of statistical procedures and report writing skills.

Many Psychology graduates go on to work in public relations, marketing or advertising, and others go on to train as teachers, social workers or professional psychologists.

## Why study Psychology at Kingston University?

- This course will give you a grounding in scientific psychology, provide you with experience as a researcher and show you how the science of psychology is applied practically in the everyday world.
- If you study psychology as a single honours or as your major subject, on graduation you will be eligible for membership of the British Psychological Society – see left for more details.
- The University runs a student exchange programme, giving you the opportunity to study abroad for a period of time.
- The Psychology team is a young, friendly and dynamic group of researchers, all experienced in teaching their specialist areas.
- You will have access to our purpose-built laboratories, with excellent computer facilities and technical support available.

## Centre for Academic Skills and Employability (CASE)

CASE offers students from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences one-to-one help with their studies. We help both undergraduate and postgraduate students with:

- researching and presenting;
- structuring and editing traditional academic writing;
- structuring and editing multimedia texts; and
- referencing.

CASE also provides a range of resources to enhance employability, including help with writing CVs, application forms and preparing you for interviews. Results show that students who use the centre are significantly more likely to complete their degree. As they are better equipped to act on feedback, they also tend to do better in their studies.

## What you will study

Examples of the modules currently offered are shown below. The number of modules taken each year and the choices available will vary depending on whether you study Psychology as a full field (single honours) or as a major, half or minor field (joint honours). The module list varies from year to year as the course structure is reviewed and refined.

### Year 1 (Level 4)

Year 1 provides you with a strong foundation on which to build in Years 2 and 3.

#### Introductory Psychology 1

This module introduces you to some of the major theories and ideas within psychology, and will provide the basis for pursuing these areas in greater depth later in the course. Topics include the history of psychology, learning theory, biopsychology, developmental psychology, cognitive psychology, personality and intelligence, neuropsychology and social psychology.

#### Research Methods in Psychology

This module introduces some of the practical and methodological issues surrounding the design of research in psychology. Interactive laboratory classes will encourage you to design and participate in psychological experiments. Training is also provided in the use of Excel and SPSS for data management and analysis.

#### Introductory Psychology 2

This module outlines contemporary practices, approaches and debates within psychology. Topics include child psychology, counselling, health psychology, abnormal psychology, forensic psychology, applied psychology, and ethics and professional practice.

#### Experimenting with People

This module provides instruction and supervision that allows you to develop and practise the research skills acquired in the methods module. In small groups you will design, run, analyse and report a significant piece of psychological research.

#### Kingston Language Scheme

All students may substitute one of the subject modules in their first year for a language module from the Kingston Language Scheme (KLS). This scheme provides a unique opportunity to incorporate a language into your programme of studies. We offer modules in Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin (Chinese) and Spanish. You can learn a new language from the beginning or continue with the study of a language you have previously learned. Each module is credit-rated and will count towards your degree.

### Year 2 (Level 5)

In Year 2 you will build upon the core modules taken in Year 1 and may also be able to choose modules in areas of interest to you.

#### Psychology Research Methods 2 (double module – full-field and major students only)

This series of lectures and laboratory classes will allow you to further your development of research skills in psychology. It will also provide the basis for your own research project later in the course.

#### Cognitive Processes

This module combines research findings in cognitive science and neuropsychology to extend your understanding of visual and auditory perception and memory processes.

#### Social Psychology

This module outlines some key debates within social psychology and examines research findings on important social issues. Core topics include the study of identity, attitudes, group processes, prejudice and discrimination, and the effect of media violence on behaviour.

#### Biopsychology

This module covers the link between the physiological systems of the body and behaviour. Topics include the anatomy and function of the brain, hormones and behaviour, genetics, the mechanisms of vision and hearing, the physiology of hunger, thirst and sexual behaviour, and the physiological basis of emotion, addiction and mental illness.

#### Other modules currently offered include:

- Applied Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Evolutionary Psychology
- Behaviour and Learning
- Work-based learning
- Issues and Controversies in Psychology
- Marketing
- Sport Psychology
- Sociolinguistics

### Year 3 (Level 6)

In Year 3 you continue to build on your core skills and knowledge. Option modules enable you to specialise in areas of interest.

#### Psychology Research Project (double module)

This module will provide you with an opportunity to design and carry out an independent research project on a topic agreed in consultation with a supervising tutor.

#### Developmental Psychology

This module introduces you to some of the key issues surrounding development across the lifespan. Topics include early socialisation, cognitive and social development, moral development and children's rights, language and learning to read.

#### Thinking

This module explores cognitive processes involved in creativity, discovery, reasoning and problem solving.

#### Individual Differences

This module introduces you to the major theories of personality and the structure and measurement of intelligence. Topics include trait models and humanistic/existential approaches to personality, learning and social cognitive approaches, motivation, emotion and intelligence testing.

#### Other modules currently offered include:

- Health Psychology
- Atypical Development
- Children's Relationships
- Cognitive Neuropsychology
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Social Memory
- Critical Issues in Mental Health
- Psychology of Art
- Positive Psychology
- Representation, Reality and Modern Myths



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## Psychology staff

Each member of the Psychology team is an active researcher whose interests inform their teaching on the undergraduate degree (research specialism(s) in brackets).

**Dr Chris Askew** (clinical psychology, learning of anxiety-related cognitions, beliefs and behaviour)

**Dr Elisa Back** (cognitive development, social cognition, autism, theory of mind, face processing)

**Mr Chris Barker** (phobias and emotional disorders)

**Dr Fiona Barlow-Brown** (blind children's development and learning to read)

**Dr Georgia Butler** (impulsiveness, risk taking, eating behaviours and drug use)

**Dr Anthony Esgate** (sports psychology, ergonomics, applied cognitive and organisational psychology)

**Dr Fatima Maria Felisberti** (face and emotion processing, social neurocognition, visual art)

**Dr Chris Hewer** (social psychology, social representations – social and collective memory)

**Dr Petko Kusev** (judgement and decision making, memory and categorisation)

**Dr Sabira Mannan** (disorders of vision, attention and memory in neurological populations)

**Dr Julie Morgan** (social anxiety and emotional disorders)

**Dr Ana Nikcevic** (psychological processes in health and illness)

**Dr Louisa Pavey** (experimental social psychology, health behaviours, prosocial and antisocial behaviours)

**Dr Jess Prior** (facial disfigurements and impairments in childhood and adolescence, qualitative research methods)

**Dr Ron Roberts** (social memory, social representations, peace, conflict and reconciliation, student wellbeing and sex work)

**Dr Muthanna Samara** (developmental psychopathology, bullying, premature children, crying and feeding problems, PTSD)

**Dr Harriet Tenenbaum** (gender development; emotions and social issues; children's understanding of science; parent-child, sibling and peer interaction)

**Professor Phil Terry** (effects of alcohol and other recreational drugs)

**Dr Claudia Uller** (infant cognitive and social development; comparative cognition)

**Professor Frédéric Vallée-Tourangeau** (distributed cognition, problem solving, creativity)

**Dr Jo Van Herwegen** (language development, developmental disorders, social development, individual differences).

**Dr Gaëlle Villejoubert** (risk and uncertainty judgments, decision-making, intuition, numeracy)

"Our emphasis on teaching subjects relevant to the world today, and producing graduates able to make a positive contribution to that world, makes the educational experience on offer in our Faculty at Kingston unique among universities in the United Kingdom."

**Professor Martin McQuillan**  
Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences



## Entry requirements

### Typical offer

- Single honours: 260 points
- Joint honours: 240–360 points, (BCD depending on combination)
- Units: to include three A-levels or equivalent
- Subjects: General Studies will not be accepted. A-level Psychology is not required but must be passed if taken.
- Key Skills: not accepted in tariff
- Plus GCSE: Maths and English Language required (grade A–C required).

### Further requirements for combinations

Please see the course webpage for details.

### International students

All non-UK applicants must meet our English language requirements. For this course it is IELTS of 6.5 overall with 6.5 in Writing and special conditions for students who require a Tier-4 student visa. Please make sure you read our full guidance about English language requirements on our course webpage, which includes details of other qualifications we'll consider.

### Other entry routes

- Access course
- International applicants and mature applicants with relevant qualifications are welcomed.

## Joint honours combinations

You can study Psychology as a single honours degree or as a major, half or minor field in combination with:

- Biology
- Business
- Creative Music Technologies
- Creative Writing
- Criminology
- Drama
- English Language & Communication
- French
- History
- Human Biology
- Human Rights
- International Relations
- Journalism
- Media & Cultural Studies
- Politics
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Television & New Broadcasting Media

## UCAS codes

For UCAS codes, please see the course webpage.

## Open days

Several open days are held each year. Please contact the admissions office or visit the University website for more details.  
[www.kingston.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/opendays)

## Contact details

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