

Psychology (Conversion) MSc

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Location: Aston University, Birmingham

Course type

Full-time

Course format

No placements

Duration

1 Year

UCAS code(s)

N/A

Start date

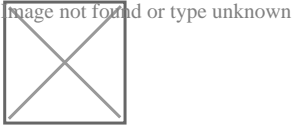
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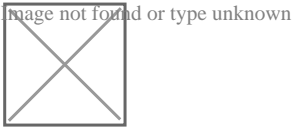
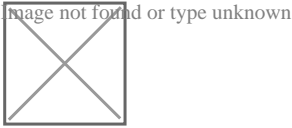
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- [Study alongside active research staff from a broad range of specialist biosciences areas.](#)
- [Dedicated psychology facilities and equipment, including a focus group room, driving simulator, cubicles equipped for cognitive, behavioural and physiological testing, and a psychology postgraduate common room](#)
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Course outline and modules

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Studying Psychology at Aston University will provide you with the basis for understanding why people act in certain ways, and insight into methods of changing their behaviour.

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You will be taught a range of modules spanning the breadth of Psychology and the core components required by the British Psychological Society for the Graduate Basis for Chartership. You will learn about both qualitative and quantitative research designs utilising a range of methods including experiments, psychometric tools, and interviews.

In addition, you will complete a research project with the support of a supervisor. You have a choice of two pathways: health psychology-focused projects or research into cognitive and affective neuroscience.

Modules

Core modules

- Research Methods and Data Analysis
- Applied Psychology and Professional Skills
- Social Psychology
- Brain and Behaviour
- Lifespan Development
- Individual Differences, Health and Personality
- Cognition and Cognitive Neuropsychology

Dissertation

- Research Project in Health Psychology, or
- Research Dissertation in Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience

Optional modules

- Psychology and Wellbeing
- Neuroscience in the Real World

Entry requirements

A minimum of a 2.2 UK honours degree or recognised international equivalent and be able to demonstrate some prior study of psychology and/or related discipline.*

* Prior study will be: (i) a minimum of 60 credits at Bachelors degree level (or recognised international equivalent) in psychology and/or statistics and/or social science research methods and/or (ii) A level (or recognised equivalent) in psychology.

OR

A minimum of a 2.1 UK honours degree or recognised international equivalent in any subject.

International students:

- You can discover more about the qualifications we accept on our [international pages](#).
- If your first language is not English you will be required to provide evidence of an English language qualification. Find out more about our [English language requirements](#).

Speak to our Admissions Team

If you have any questions about the application process please get in touch with our postgraduate admissions team:

Email: pgadmissions@aston.ac.uk

Call: 0121 204 3200 (Please note this line is open Monday-Friday between 10am-4pm BST)

Please [click here](#) for guidance on completing the postgraduate application.

Learning, teaching and assessment

The programme will be assessed through a combination of written and oral examinations, class tests, individual and group coursework, projects, presentations and practical assessments.

Course Director: [Luc Boutsen](#)

Academic teaching staff: [Andrew Schofield](#), [Luke Fisher](#), [Kate Nicholls](#), [Johanna Zumer](#), [Claire Farrow](#), [Charlotte Hartwright](#), [Martin Jüttner](#), [Gemma Heath](#), [Dan Shaw](#), [Joel Talcott](#), [Michael Larkin](#).

Fees and scholarships

UK students (2023/24)

£9,650

EU/International students (2023/24)

£20,100

Scholarships

At Aston University we are committed to supporting the most talented and hardworking students to achieve their potential by providing a range of scholarships to help lower tuition and living costs. [Find out more about our scholarships here.](#)

20 per cent postgraduate alumni scholarship

Career prospects

Successful completion of this programme will open up opportunities for further training to become a practitioner psychologist in any specialist area, e.g. Health Psychology (see [MSc Health Psychology at Aston](#)), Clinical Psychology, Occupational Psychology, Forensic Psychology etc. (see the [BPS careers in psychology website](#) for further information).

You will also be eligible for research careers within universities, local councils, the civil service, NGOs, or market research.

You could also continue in further education through to PhD if you wanted to pursue an academic research career (see our [PhD opportunities website](#) for more information).

Frequently asked questions

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How is the course delivered?

The course is full-time and delivered through a combination of lectures, group work, seminars and independent study. Teaching sessions will be delivered on campus (unless covid-19 guidance changes) with some material delivered online.

Is this course accredited?

Yes. This course is fully accredited by the [British Psychological Society \(BPS\)](#).

Hello - what would you like to ask us?

Group of students with Hello text

Hello! We're a team of current Aston University students, we're from 10 different countries and we study a range of different postgraduate subjects.

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