



UNIVERSITY OF  
LIVERPOOL

BSc (Hons)

# Psychology BSc (Hons) (2+2 programme with Foundation Element)

UCAS code C801

**Study mode**

Full-time

**Duration**

4 years

Apply by: **29 January 2025**

Starts on: **22 September 2025**

## About this course

If you are interested in studying for a psychology degree, but feel that you have a non-standard academic background, this is a programme that has been designed for you. C801, is the four-year degree that is run in collaboration with Wirral Metropolitan College which feeds into C800 at year two. The C801 degree is intended for students from a variety of vocational, academic and non-academic backgrounds who typically have had a break in their education.

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## Introduction

The University of Liverpool is a research-intensive university, and many of our academic staff are leading researchers in their fields. What this means for you as a student is that your learning will be informed by the very latest developments in psychology.

Psychology at Liverpool offers you professionally accredited, flexible, research-driven programmes of study. Our extensive academic and industry networks mean you can experience the practical application of psychology through visiting practitioner speakers, and hear first-hand the latest leading research breaking new ground in the discipline.

In your first year, you'll get an introduction into developmental and clinical psychology, psychological debates, research methods and statistics, social and investigational psychology. In your second and third years, you'll learn about cognitive neuroscience, developmental and forensic psychology, psychosis, psychological issues of adult ageing and the psychology of expertise. Along the way you will have an opportunity to apply for 'internships' in the Faculty. In your final year you will undertake a research project in a research topic in your chosen specialisation, working with a research group of postgraduates and research assistants. Given their close links to research expertise, data from projects is sometimes published in scientific journals providing valuable contributions to a graduates curriculum vitae and can act as an important precursor to your career or postgraduate study.

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## **What you'll learn**

- Gain an in-depth understanding of developmental and clinical psychology, psychological debates, research methods and statistics, social and investigational psychology
  - Expand your knowledge on areas such as cognitive neuroscience, developmental and forensic psychology, psychosis, psychological issues of adult ageing and the psychology of expertise
  - Undertake a research project working with postgraduates and research assistants
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## **Accreditation**

The degree is accredited by the British Psychological Society and provides Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership.

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### **Accreditation in detail**

## **British Psychological Society**

The British Psychological Society is the representative body for psychology and psychologists in the UK. This programme is BPS accredited, meaning it meets the BPS' standards for education and training.

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# Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

## Year zero

Students take eight modules that provide a foundation to the principal topic areas and methods of research in psychology. You will be required to pass all modules (120 CAT points) to progress into year one.

The curriculum is delivered on the Wirral Metropolitan College campus via small group teaching by college staff and supported by online resources through the University's virtual interactive teaching environment (VITAL).

In addition to classroom teaching there are practical sessions and other types of small group work.

From the beginning of year zero a member of the academic staff is appointed as the students' academic adviser. You will have regular meetings with them during term time.

In year zero you will have the opportunity to begin developing the transferable skills required to become a successful and efficient student.

## Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<a href="#"><u>INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS AND STATISTICS 1 (WIRR010)</u></a>	15
<a href="#"><u>INTRODUCTION TO COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY (WIRR011)</u></a>	15
<a href="#"><u>INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGICAL DEBATES (WIRR012)</u></a>	15
<a href="#"><u>INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY 1 (WIRR013)</u></a>	15
<a href="#"><u>INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS &amp; STATISTICS 2 (WIRR014)</u></a>	15

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>INTRODUCTION TO DEVELOPMENTAL AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (WIRR015)</u>	15
<u>INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL &amp; INVESTIGATIVE PSYCHOLOGY (WIRR017)</u>	15
<u>INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY 2 (WIRR016)</u>	15

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

## Teaching and assessment

### How you'll learn

Our programmes are taught using a balanced mix of lectures, workshops, seminars and tutorials and practical laboratory sessions. Students are encouraged to work in small groups from the beginning of the programme. The year three research project is done either individually or in small groups.

### How you're assessed

The modules in each year must be passed in order to progress to the next year of study. The final degree classification is calculated from grades obtained in years two and three. The weighting between second and third years is 30/70%. Assessed work, including essays, presentations, group work, and qualitative and experimental reports, together with examination results contribute to the final degree classification.

### Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence

- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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# Careers and employability

A Psychology degree can equip you for any job in which you will have contact with other people. It provides you with a wide range of key academic and transferable skills such as an understanding of how to manage projects, work as a team, think analytically, write cogently and conduct effective research.

Your programme is informed by an extensive network of professional contacts and potential employers, helping ensure it prepares you for the workplace. Guest practitioner lecturers also help you clarify your future career direction.

Around 60% of our graduates are involved in health related, social, public service, commercial, retail or financial employment within six months following graduation. About 25% of our graduates go on to postgraduate study and training, many within other leading research institutes as well as here at Liverpool. Companies employing our graduates in recent years include the NHS, Amazon, Unilever, the Business Services Authority, Marks & Spencer, Local government and the Department for Education.

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# Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

## Tuition fees

### UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year – £9,535

Foundation year fee – £8,340

Year abroad fee – £1,430 (applies to year in China)

Following the foundation years, standard course fees apply.

The tuition fees shown are correct for 2025/26 entry. Please note that the year abroad fee also applies to the year in China.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. [Learn more about paying for your studies.](#)

## Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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# Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

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## A levels

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## T levels

T levels considered in a relevant subject and specialism.

Applicants should contact us by [completing the enquiry form on our website](#) to discuss specific requirements in the core components and the occupational specialism.

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## GCSE

4/C in English and 4/C in Mathematics

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## Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

Not accepted

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## International qualifications

[Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.](#)

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our direct entry requirements. Although there is no direct Foundation Certificate route to this course, completing a Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the [University of Liverpool International College](#), can guarantee you a place on a number of similar courses which may interest you.

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## Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, [contact us](#) for advice

- [Applications from mature students](#) are welcome.

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