

Programme Specification

BA Psychology and Philosophy

For students entering Part 1 in September 2017

UCAS Code: CV85

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This document sets out key information about your Programme and forms part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.

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| Awarding Institution | University of Reading |
| Teaching Institution | University of Reading |
| Length of Programme | 3 years |
| Accreditation | British Psychological Society Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership |

Programme information and content

The programme aims to provide you with a broad introduction to the wide range of approaches that constitute modern Psychology as a social and biological science, and to concepts and evidence within the domains of the subject required for British Psychological Society accreditation. Students have the opportunity to apply their knowledge to chosen areas of interest, increasing their degree of choice and independence as they move through the programme. They are made aware of current research - its methods, applications and unresolved issues - and learn how to evaluate research and carry it out themselves, with staff research expertise providing stimulation, guidance and high-quality laboratory facilities.

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| Part 1: | Introduces you to the British Psychological Society core areas, including Research Methods, as well as a choice of additional psychology modules, or modules from across the University. |
| Part 2: | Provides you with an in-depth knowledge of the BPS core areas, and focussed training in conducting experiments, as well as developing your knowledge of philosophy. |
| Part 3: | Gives you the opportunity to apply your knowledge to more specialist areas, offering you an unparalleled choice of Part 3 optional modules led by experts in those fields. You also have the opportunity to design and implement your own research project. |

Module information

Each part comprises 120 credits, allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules as shown below. Compulsory modules are listed.

Part 1 Modules:

| Module | Name | Credits | Level |
|--------|---------------------|---------|-------|
| PP1RA | Reason and Argument | 20 | 4 |
| PY1BP | BioPsychology | 10 | 4 |

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| PY1CG | Cognition and Learning | 10 | 4 |
| PY1DV | Developmental Psychology | 10 | 4 |
| PY1PR | Psychological Research | 20 | 4 |
| PY1SID | Social Psychology and Individual Differences | 10 | 4 |

Students must select a further 40 credits from a list available from the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences of which at least 20 credits must be taken in Philosophy.

The above Psychology compulsory modules are required for British Psychological Society Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (BPS GBC).

Students wishing to transfer to BSc Psychology at the end of Part 1 can substitute PY1SK or PY1SKE with PL1C1L, or an equivalent module covering the same learning outcomes. Students who have not met this requirement will normally be required to take PY1SK or PY1SKE during Part 2.

Part 2 Modules:

| Module | Name | Credits |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| PY2CNS | Cognition and Neuroscience | 20 |
| PY2DSP | Developmental and Social Psychology | 20 |
| PY2RM | Research Methods and Data Analysis | 20 |

Students must select a further 60 credits in Philosophy from a list available from the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences.

British Psychological Society Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC)

Students must gain Lower Second Class Honours or higher to qualify for BPS GBC. Psychology Part 2 modules PY2RM + PY2CNS + PY2DSP are the minimum required for BPS accreditation. All the modules from this list that are taken must be passed with at least 40%. See also Part 3 Project.

Modules during a placement year or study year (if applicable):

If you take a year-long placement or study abroad, Part 3 as described below may be subject to variation.

Part 3 Modules:

| Module | Name | Credits |
|--------|--|---------|
| PY3CHI | Contemporary and Historical Issues | 20 |
| PY3PPP | Project for Psychology and Philosophy Students | 40 |

Students must select a further 60 credits of modules from the list available from the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Science, 20 credits of in Psychology and 40 credits in Philosophy.

British Psychological Society Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (BPS GBC)

To qualify for BPS GBC, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Pass all compulsory Psychology modules with a minimum of 40% (see progression rules for further details)
2. Pass PY3PPP with a minimum of 40%
3. Gain a Lower Second Class Honours degree

Additional costs of the programme

During your programme of study you will incur some additional costs.

For textbooks and similar learning resources, we recommend that you budget between £100 to £200 a year. Some books may be available second-hand, which will reduce costs. A range of resources to support your curriculum, including textbooks and electronic resources, are available through the library. Reading lists and module specific costs are listed on the individual module descriptions.

Printing and photocopying facilities are available on campus at a cost of £0.05 per page.

Costs are indicative and may vary according to optional modules chosen and are subject to inflation and other price fluctuations.

The estimates were calculated in 2016.

Optional modules:

The optional modules available can vary from year to year. An indicative list of the range of optional modules for your Programme is set out in the Further Programme Information. Details of optional modules for each part, including any Additional Costs associated with the optional modules, will be made available to you prior to the beginning of the Part in which they are to be taken and you will be given an opportunity to express interest in the optional modules that you would like to take. Entry to optional modules will be at the discretion of the University and subject to availability and may be subject to pre-requisites, such as completion of another module. Although the University tries to ensure you are able to take the optional modules in which you have expressed interest this cannot be guaranteed.

Teaching and learning delivery:

You will be taught using a range of approaches to teaching which are tailored to the learning outcomes of the different subjects you will study and the overall objective of the programme. Part 1 and Part 2 modules are principally taught by lectures with supporting online discussion boards. Some Part 1 modules, all Part 2 modules and Part 3 options are supported by seminars. Research Methods teaching is supported by interactive workshops and specialist drop-in sessions.

Over an academic year, you will spend approximately 300 hours in lectures, seminars, online discussions or practical classes. The remaining time is for your independent study, completing coursework and preparing for assessments. Most direct teaching occurs in the Autumn and Spring terms and so you will find that you spend more time than average in class in these terms. Contact hours vary in each year of the degree. In Part 1 and 2 contact hours are between 300-350 hours per year; in Part 3 contact hours are between 250-300

hours per year. Hours depend upon your module combination; information about module contact hours can be located in the relevant module description.

Accreditation details

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Assessment

Throughout the programme you will complete practical work, either in large groups (Part 1) or in small groups or individually (Part 2 and Part 3 project). Modules are typically assessed by a mixture of coursework and formal examination. Coursework includes essays, project reports, oral and poster presentations, portfolios and weekly continuous assessment questions.

Progression

Part 1

- (i) obtain an overall average of 40% in 120 credits
- (ii) obtain a mark of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to at least 100 credits taken in Part 1.

In order to progress from Part 1 to Part 2 in Psychology and Philosophy, a student shall normally be required to achieve a threshold performance at Part 1 and

- (iii) to have obtained at least 40% in all compulsory modules in Psychology taken at Part 1; and

- (iv) obtain a mark of at least 40% in the compulsory module in Philosophy at Part 1 and in 20 additional credits from Philosophy modules taken in Part 1.

Part 2

To gain a threshold performance at Part 2, a student shall normally be required to achieve:

- (i) a weighted average of 40% over 120 credits taken at Part 2;
- (ii) marks of at least 40% in individual modules amounting to not less than 80 credits; and
- (iii) marks of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to not less than 120 credits, except that a mark below 30% may be condoned in no more than 20 credits of modules owned by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

In order to progress from Part 2 to Part 3, a student should normally be required to achieve a threshold performance at Part 2 and

- (iv) obtain marks of at least 40% in PY2RM.

In addition, all modules that are taken from the list shown above under British Psychological Society Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) must be passed with at least 40%. Students must also achieve an average of 40% or above across 120 credits.

To be eligible for Honours students must pass the Project module.

Classification

Bachelors' degrees

The University's honours classification scheme is based on the following:

| Mark | Interpretation |
|------------|------------------------|
| 70% - 100% | First class |
| 60% - 69% | Upper Second class |
| 50% - 59% | Lower Second class |
| 40% - 49% | Third class |
| 35% - 39% | Below Honours Standard |
| 0% - 34% | Fail |

The weighting of the Parts/Years in the calculation of the degree classification is:

Three year programmes:

Part 2: one-third

Part 3: two-thirds

Four year programmes, including professional/work placement or study abroad:

Part 2: one-third

Placement/Study Abroad Year abroad not included in the classification

Part 3: two-thirds

For further information about your Programme please refer to the Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions, which are available at <http://www.reading.ac.uk/module/>. The Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions do not form part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.

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