

**BSc Honours Psychology****Jason Kashoumeri**

The course is enjoyable and the friendly lecturers have made my experience both fun and motivating. The response and feedback from essays is so detailed you never feel as though you can't reach for the top.



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## Cognitive Science BSc Honours

**This interdisciplinary course gives an understanding of the mental processes underlying cognitive abilities and provides an exploration of the nature of mind and intelligence.**

### Course content

The course first examines the basic issues, concepts and terminology of cognitive science and provides a fundamental understanding of anthropology, artificial intelligence, cognitive psychology, linguistics, neuroscience and philosophy. As the course develops, the individual disciplines are integrated to provide a holistic perspective on the scientific study of the mind, including cognitive neuroscience, connectionist modelling and the cognitive science of music, language and consciousness. The course gives you a solid grounding in a contemporary scientific discipline, and the opportunity to develop greater strengths in a specialised or related field according to your career aspirations.

### Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Subjects of study include: Fundamentals of Cognition • Introduction to Neuroscience • Introduction to Social and Developmental Psychology • Linguistics for Cognitive Science • Neurons and Symbols • Research Methods in Cognitive Science 1

Options: Cultural Anthropology • Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence • Introduction to Interactive Multimedia • Syntax 1 • plus one free choice module

### Year 2 (Credit Level 5)

Subjects of study include: Cognitive Psychology • Developmental Psychology • Individual Differences • Research Methods in Cognitive Science 2 • Social Psychology • plus a minimum of one from: Advanced Neuroscience • Cognition and Language • Philosophical Foundations • plus a minimum of one from: Applied Cognitive Science • Human Computer Interaction • Logic Programming

Options: Classical and Alternative Logics • Digital Media Tools • Expert Systems • Intelligent Information Retrieval • Knowledge Representation • Multimedia Development Tools • Semantics • Syntax 2 • plus one free choice module

### Year 3 (Credit Level 6)

Subjects of study include: Cognitive Science Project • plus a minimum of one from: Cognitive Science of Perception • Connectionism and Cognition • plus a minimum of one from: Cognitive Disorders • Cognitive Neuroscience • plus a minimum of three from: Clinical Psychology • Cognitive Anthropology • Music and the Mind • Neuropharmacology of Cognition • Psychology of Language • Studies in Consciousness

Options: Fuzzy Logic and Systems • Intelligent Agents • Knowledge Acquisition • Machine Learning • Natural Language Processing • Neural Networks • Pragmatics • plus one free choice module

### Length of course

Three-year, full-time

### UCAS code

C850

### Location

Central London (Regent)

### Professional recognition

A psychology pathway through this degree is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Registration, for students gaining at least a Lower Second Class Honours degree. The Graduate Basis for Registration is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

### Teaching and assessment

The course combines lecture, tutorial and practical laboratory elements. Formal exams are supported by continuous assessment.

### Associated careers

Those that choose the psychology pathway often follow psychology-related careers, such as clinical psychology, neuropsychology, psychiatric work or experimental research. Those that choose an AI pathway are more likely to follow an IT-related career in industry or academic research. A number of our graduates go on to do postgraduate research and many are leading successful careers in a range of other fields, such as law, education, forensics, commerce and marketing.

### Typical offer for September 2009

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	A minimum of BC at A Level. One A Level must be in a relevant subject, eg Business, Chemistry, Computing, Maths or Physics.
International Baccalaureate	26 points
BTEC National Diploma	MMM

See also entry requirements on p48.

## Psychology BSc Honours

The course covers the core areas of psychology and a wide range of optional modules, many of which deal with the application of psychological theory and research. The insights, approaches and research skills gained from the degree will be relevant to many areas of your working life, whether or not you take up a career in psychology.

The Department of Psychology is well known for its research and has an outstanding teaching reputation. It was awarded the maximum 24 points in the Quality Assurance Agency Subject Review of Psychology.

### Course content

The course is structured to provide you with a strong psychology base right from the start of your studies. At Year 1 (Credit Level 4) you take a range of core psychology modules that introduce you to the main areas and methods of psychological study.

At Year 2 (Credit Level 5) you take core modules that cover areas central to the discipline of psychology, including social, cognitive and developmental psychology and the study of individual differences. Advanced Research Methods further develops your knowledge and skills in both quantitative and qualitative research methods and analysis.

At Year 3 (Credit Level 6) you are offered more choice in the modules you take. In the Research Project you select a research topic of particular interest to you, and devise, conduct and report on a research investigation relevant to this topic. The remainder of your study in this year is chosen from a wide range of option modules allowing you to follow up your interests in the field.

Option modules at Year 3 (Credit Level 6) include: Business Psychology • Clinical Psychology • Cognitive Disorders and Neuropsychology • Critical Psychology • Educational Psychology • Forensic Psychology • Health Psychology • Music and the Mind • Psychology and the Internet • Psychology of Counselling • Psychology of Language • Psychology of Prejudice • Psychology of Sport, Exercise and Performance • Psychology of Women • Psychophysiology • Studies in Consciousness

A module offering Applied Work Experience in Psychology allows you to draw on your understanding of psychological research and theory to inform your work experience in a setting relevant to psychology.

At each of the credit levels you may take a non-psychology module, for example in social sciences, biological sciences or a language module.

### Work placement year

You will also have the option of taking an additional work placement year between Year 2 and Year 3 (Credit Levels 5 and 6) (subject to availability) where you will gain experience working under supervision in a psychological setting and can be awarded a Certificate in Work-Based Learning in Psychology. You will not be charged tuition fees during your work placement year.

For further information about Psychology courses visit the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Languages website at [www.westminster.ac.uk/sshl](http://www.westminster.ac.uk/sshl)

### Length of course

Three-year, full-time;  
five-year, part-time

### UCAS code

C801

### Location

Central London (Regent)

### Professional recognition

This degree is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Registration, for students gaining at least a Lower Second Class Honours degree. The Graduate Basis for Registration is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

### Teaching and assessment

The course combines lectures, seminar-based activities and practical sessions. Assessment combines a range of methods including written assignments, practical reports and presentations as well as exams.

### Associated careers

Graduates can use their eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Registration with the BPS to begin to pursue a career in applied psychology. After further study and training, graduates have taken up careers in clinical psychology, counselling psychology, health psychology, business psychology and forensic psychology. Many use their psychology in related professions including social work, management, human resources, education, market research, and public relations.

### Typical offer for September 2009

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	AB/BBB
International Baccalaureate	32 points
BTEC National Diploma	DMM

See also entry requirements on p48.

## Psychology with Neuroscience BSc Honours

**Psychology is the scientific study of human behaviour and the mental processes on which it depends. Neurosciences are concerned with the study of mental processes from a physiological perspective. The growing awareness of the interdependence of psychological and physiological aspects of mental function has begun to yield important research findings and new insight into the working of the brain.**

**This course combines the study of psychology with the relevant biological sciences, and offers a larger component of biological sciences than BSc Honours Psychology.**

### Course content

You will be provided with the necessary grounding in the biological sciences, maths and fundamental psychology. You will study core modules from the neurosciences and psychology, alongside options from chosen applied disciplines in psychology at Year 3 (Credit Level 6). The particular research and statistical expertise required are covered in depth in the Research Methods modules. This leads on to more specialised areas, including a double project module in the psychological sciences.

### Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Subjects of study include: Cell Science • Human Physiology and Anatomy • Introduction to Cognition, Learning and Personality  
 • Introduction to Social and Developmental Psychology  
 • Research Methods in Psychology (double module)

### Year 2 (Credit Level 5)

Subjects of study include: Advanced Research Methods in Psychology (double module) • Cell Communication • Cognitive Psychology  
 • Developmental Psychology • Individual Differences  
 • Nervous System • Social Psychology

### Year 3 (Credit Level 6)

Subjects of study include: Cognitive Disorders • CNS Pharmacology  
 • Project in Psychology (double module) • Psychophysiology  
 • plus three option modules in psychology

### Length of course

Three-year, full-time; four-year, full-time with Foundation

### UCAS codes

C8B1; with Foundation C8BC

### Location

Central London (Cavendish)

### Professional recognition

The degree is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Registration (the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist), for students gaining at least a Lower Second Class Honours degree.

### Teaching and assessment

The course combines lecture, tutorial and practical laboratory elements. You will be able to engage in student-centred learning from a variety of sources, including podcasts and Blackboard, our online learning environment. Formal exams are supported by course work assessment.

### Associated careers

Psychology forms an excellent basis for many careers, including biological and medical research, or in applied biological sciences. With BPS recognition graduates can apply for a wide range of postgraduate courses, including clinical psychology. Study to MPhil or PhD may also be available.

### Typical offer for September 2009

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	CCD to include CC in Science subjects
International Baccalaureate	26 points to include a minimum of 5 in two Higher Level Science subjects
BTEC National Diploma	MMP/DM in Science

See also entry requirements on p48.