Psychology

BA (Hons) (NFQ Level 8)



Psychology PCS1

Length of Course 3 Years

Guideline Entry Requirements

IB - International IB Total 39

Baccalaureate Diploma A high level of English language competency

is normally required

Cambridge A Level AAAB

[+ GCSE O Level] A high level of English language competency

is normally required

Other Examinations For country specific information see page 157

UCD International Foundation Year

NO



UCD Psychology students acquire skills in software tools for research.

Choosing Psychology

If you wish to obtain a professional qualification in Psychology, PCS1 is the pathway for you. Only students in PCS1 may take Psychology as a subject beyond first year. There are many opportunities for other students to take Psychology elective modules at all stages of the BA degree.

Why is this subject for me?

If you have a questioning attitude and good reasoning skills you will really enjoy the world opened up by Psychology. Psychology has links to the natural sciences, the social sciences and the arts, so it is likely to appeal to a wide variety of people. The course has core modules that will introduce you to major theories and research methods, and you will also have a chance to choose option modules in specialist areas of psychology [e.g. counselling, clinical psychology and forensic psychology].

What will I study?

You will study Psychology and other Arts subjects in first year and focus on Psychology as a single subject in second and third year.

First Year

Social Psychology • Brain & Behaviour • Introductory Research Methods • Perception & Cognition • Two other Arts subjects

Second & Third Year

Behavioural Neuroscience • Child & Adolescent Development • Visual Cognition • Psychology Labs • Personality & Human Intelligence • Independent Research Project • Option and elective modules

Students spend up to 20 hours per week attending lectures and tutorials. In second year you will conduct a series of laboratory practicals, while in third year you will carry out an independent research project under the direction of one of the academic staff.

A combination of end-of-semester written examinations and continuous assessment is used to evaluate performance. See our Studying UCD Psychology model on page 60.

Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

The degree is recognised by the Psychological Society of Ireland and, as such, provides the foundation for further graduate training in any field of psychology as well as for a wide variety of careers, including:

Clinical psychology • Educational psychology • Organisational psychology • Forensic psychology • Counselling psychology • Health psychology

There are also career opportunities in research projects alongside other human scientists, such as economists and sociologists.

International Study Opportunities

The School of Psychology has exchange agreements with:

- O Université catholique de l'Ouest, France
- O Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid, Spain
- Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany
- Georgetown University, Washington, USA
- University of Groningen, the Netherlands

Brittany Henning GRADUATE What I liked most about living in Ireland is the atmosphere and people. Dublin is a very relaxed city where everyone looks to have a great time. I really enjoyed the culture here. It was a great change from living in the larger cities in the US. I really liked the

teaching staff and I loved my peers. We all got along and helped each other out throughout the course. What I liked most about my course is the variety of options – it helped me decide on which area of psychology that I would like to pursue further. Dublin is a great place to study. You have the ability to travel anywhere in Europe for reasonable prices. Truthfully, it was the best time of my life thus far and I would do it all over again if I could.

 $\mbox{\bf Brittany Henning}$, USA, is a graduate of the UCD Higher Diploma in Psychology.

Find out more

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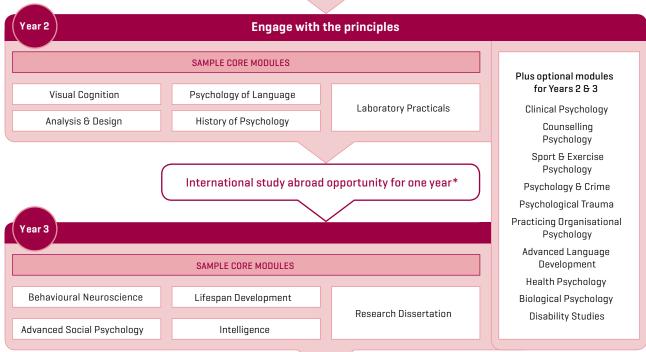
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Studying UCD Psychology

Foundations of Psychological knowledge CORE MODULES Brain & Behaviour Psychology of Perception Introduction to Social Psychology Psychological Research Psychological Research



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