Studying Psychology at Cambridge

Psychological and Behavioural Sciences (C800 BA/PBS)

There are many branches of psychology and this course will give you the opportunity to study a range of them. You will carry out research projects that enable you to explore topics that particularly interest you.

Within the course there is also flexibility to pursue related disciplines such as politics, sociology, archaeology, biological and social anthropology, computer science, philosophy, natural sciences, economics, and education.

To find out more visit our website at www.pbs.tripos.cam.ac.uk.
Course Structure

Year One
In your first year you take four papers, two of which are compulsory:

- Introduction to Psychology
- Psychological Enquiry and Methods (this includes practical demonstrations)

The remaining two papers are chosen from a selection which include:

- Humans in Biological Perspective
- Evolution and Behaviour
- Microeconomics
- Logic
- Metaphysics
- Language, Communication and Literacy
- Analysis of Politics
- Introduction to Computer Science
- Modern Societies
- Social Anthropology

Year Two
You take four papers in total. All students take Social and Developmental Psychology as well as either:

- Biological and Cognitive Psychology plus two optional papers.
- Experimental Psychology, a research project, plus one optional paper.

Optional papers available in the second year cover a similar range of topics to the first.

Year Three
In your final year you undertake a research project on a psychology topic of your choice. You also choose a further three papers from a selection which will include the following:

- Developmental Psychopathology
- The Family
- Gender Development
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Psychology & Social Issues
- Similar optional papers to Year Two

Entry Requirements
Typical offers for the course are A*AA at A-Level. Equivalent qualifications are also considered. See the Undergraduate Study website for details.

A wide range of subjects would be beneficial to study for this course, although you may find science and mathematic subjects useful preparation. Students are not required to have studied Psychology before starting the course. Different Colleges have different preferences, therefore you should check individual College websites.

Further information about applying to the University is available from the Undergraduate Study website at www.cam.ac.uk/apply/. This information is correct at time of going to print.