Studying Psychology at Cambridge

Psychological and Behavioural Sciences (C800 BA/PBS)



EEG nets used by researchers in the Centre for Neuroscience in Education

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.





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 offered by other departments.

Topics typically include:

- Archaeology
- Evolution and Behaviour
- Philosophy
- Sociology

- Biological Anthropology
- Mathematical Biology
- Social Anthropology

Year Two

In your second year you take four papers in total, two of which are compulsory:

- Social and Developmental Psychology
- Cognitive Neuroscience and Experimental Psychology

The remaining two papers are chosen from a selection of optional papers available that cover a similar range of topics to the Year One list above.

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:

- Cognitive & Experimental Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Similar optional papers to Year Two
- Behavioural & Cognitive Neuroscience
- Social Psychology

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. More information is available on College websites. Further information about applying to the University is available from the Undergraduate Study website at www.cam.ac.uk/apply/.

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