

Department of Psychology

About the department

Our world-class researchers teach at all levels of our degree courses, giving you the opportunity to learn from psychologists at the forefront of the discipline. We were ranked joint 3rd out of Psychology Departments in the UK (Times Higher Education, The Research Excellence Framework, 2021) for the quality and impact of our research. We are one of the best-equipped psychology departments in the country with our own on-site magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner, instruments for recording electrical changes in the brain (EEG) and for stimulating brain areas (TMS). We also have technology for eye tracking, virtual reality environments, a sleep lab and a baby lab for studying the development of young infants. We're passionate about our teaching and you'll be part of a dynamic and engaging community of learning. Our students appreciate the support they receive from our staff, and we are consistently in the top 10% of all UK psychology departments in terms of undergraduate student satisfaction.

Entry requirements

Modules in the Department of Psychology are open to all Study Abroad, International Exchange, and European Exchange students, **provided previous experience in and knowledge of Psychology can be evidenced**. Owing to the popularity of Psychology modules and limited classroom capacity, we are currently only able to offer modules to **Visiting Students who are Psychology Majors or Minors**. We would like to take this opportunity to remind applicants that first-year modules at UK universities can generally be considered as roughly comparable to 200 level modules in the American university system or requiring at least 1 full year of previous study of Psychology at another institution.

Each module is 15 RHUL credits and starts in either Term 1 (September) or Term 2 (January).

For European students the ECTS equivalent is half the UK credits e.g. 30 UK credits = 15 ECTS.

IMPORTANT ! : Students visiting Royal Holloway for Term 1 only (Autumn term) should take the V module versions (when shown) as these have modified assessments to account for students not being available for Summer examinations.

The information contained in the module outlines on the following pages is correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change as part of our policy of continuous improvement and development.



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Psychology Department module options for visiting students 2026-27

| Module code | Module name | Term 1 or Term 2 | Credit Value | Module syllabus Link and any pre-requisites |
|-------------|---|------------------|--------------|---|
| PS1030 | Understanding Individuals and Groups | Term 1 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year module (i.e. beginner level). |
| PS1030V | Understanding Individuals and Groups | Term 1 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year module (i.e. beginner level). |
| PS1040 | Understanding Development across the Lifespan | Term 2 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year module (i.e. beginner level). |
| PS1080 | Understanding Perception and Cognition | Term 2 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year module (i.e. beginner level). |
| PS1090 | Understanding Neuroscience | Term 1 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year module (i.e. beginner level). |
| PS1090V | Understanding Neuroscience | Term 1 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year module (i.e. beginner level). |
| PS1110 | Understanding Mental Health and Wellbeing | Term 2 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information No pre-requisites aside from those stated in entry requirements. This is a first-year module (i.e. beginner level). |
| PS2021 | Cognitive Psychology | Term 1 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information This is a second-year module (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge of cognitive psychology will be beneficial. |



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| PS2021V | Cognitive Psychology | Term 1 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information This is a second-year module (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge of cognitive psychology will be beneficial. |
| PS2030 | Social Psychology | Term 2 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information This is a second-year module (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge of social psychology will be beneficial. |
| PS2040 | Developmental Psychology (note that since this module has no Summer exam, it IS open to visiting students only here for term 1 and hence there is no V version) | Term 1 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information This is a second-year module (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge of developmental psychology will be beneficial. |
| PS2050 | Personality & Individual Differences | Term 1 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information This is a second-year module (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge of psychology will be beneficial. |
| PS2050V | Personality & Individual Differences | Term 1 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information This is a second-year module (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge of psychology will be beneficial. |
| PS2061 | Brain & Behaviour | Term 2 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information This is a second-year module (i.e. intermediate level) and previous knowledge of biological psychology will be beneficial. |
| PS3050 | Health Psychology and Wellbeing | Term 2 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information Suitability to study this module will be assessed by the Department on a case-by-case basis. This is a third-year module (i.e. expert level). |



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| PS3151 | Occupational & Organisational Psychology | Term 1 | 15:00 | Syllabus Information Suitability to study this module will be assessed by the Department on a case-by-case basis. This is a third-year module and excellent knowledge of social psychology is required. |
| PS3151V | Occupational & Organisational Psychology | Term 1 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information Suitability to study this module will be assessed by the Department on a case-by-case basis. This is a third-year module and excellent knowledge of social psychology is required. |
| PS3181 | Criminal & Forensic Psychology | Term 2 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information Suitability to study this module will be assessed by the Department on a case-by-case basis. This is a third-year module and excellent knowledge of cognitive and social psychology is required. |
| PS3190 | Educational Psychology | Term 2 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information Suitability to study this module will be assessed by the Department on a case-by-case basis. This is a third-year module (i.e. expert level) and excellent knowledge of developmental psychology is required. |
| PS3230 | Psychology of Brain Injury | Term 1 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information Suitability to study this module will be assessed by the Department on a case-by-case basis. This is a third-year module and requires good knowledge of neuroscience/neuropsychology. |
| PS3230V | Psychology of Brain Injury | Term 1 | 15.00 | Syllabus Information Suitability to study this module will be assessed by the Department on a case-by-case basis. This is a third-year module and requires good knowledge of neuroscience/neuropsychology. |



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