

DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

Delivering Institution	University of Suffolk
UCAS Code	LC38

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 4 in the 2025-26 academic year.⁵

Course Summary

The BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology course offers students a joint honours route degree. The course covers a range of psychological perspectives including biological, cognitive, developmental, and social. The course is underpinned by a thorough review of a range of research methods, both qualitative and quantitative, and exploration of the scientific method. Delivery of teaching will include face-to-face and online lectures, discussion and seminar groups and practical workshop sessions in dedicated laboratories. In the third year of study students will undertake their own independent research project under supervision. Graduates from the programme who achieve a minimum of a 2:2 overall will be eligible for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society.

Course Aims

1. To produce a scientific understanding of the mind, brain, behaviour and experience, and how they interact with the complex environments in which they exist
2. To include knowledge and the acquisition of a range of research skills and methods for investigating experience and behaviour, culminating in an ability to conduct research independently
3. To develop an understanding of the role of empirical evidence in the creation and constraint of theory, and also in how theory guides the collection

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award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 6 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)^{6, 7}.

Psychology

Subject Knowledge and Understanding

- I. To understand the scientific underpinnings of psychology as a discipline, its historical origins, development and limitations
- II. To recognise the inherent variability and diversity of psychological functioning and its significance
- III. To demonstrate systematic knowledge and critical understanding of a range of influences on psychological functioning, how they are conceptualised and how they interrelate
- IV. To demonstrate detailed knowledge of several specialised areas and/or applications, some of which are at the cutting edge of research in the discipline

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- Subject Benchmark for Psychology (2023)
- British Psychological Society Standards for the accreditation of undergraduate, conversion and integrated Masters programmes in Psychology (2019)

Course Structure

The BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology course comprises modules at levels 4, 5 and 6.

Module Specifications for each of these modules is included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

Module title	Credits	Module Type ⁸
Level 4		

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The World of Work	20	O
Level 5 sandwich year with professional placement only		
Professional Practice (sandwich year)	120	M
Level 5 sandwich year with professional placement and study abroad only		
Professional Practice (sandwich year)	60	M
Study Abroad modules at host institution	40	M
Study Abroad Reflective Account (sandwich year)	20	M
Level 5 sandwich year with study abroad only		
Study Abroad modules at host institution	80	M
Study Abroad Reflective Account (sandwich year)	40	M
Level 6		
Abnormal Psychology	20	M
Individual Differences	20	M

Psychology Project

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Professional Placement and Study Abroad) or BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology (with Study Abroad), depending on sandwich route taken. Students who leave the course early may be eligible for a BSc Psychology and Sociology on successful completion of 300 credits at Level 4 or above (including at least 180 credits at Level 5 or above and at least 60 credits at Level 6), a DipHE in Psychology and Sociology on successful completion of 240 credits including all mandatory modules at levels 4 and 5 or a CertHE Psychology and Sociology on successful completion of 120 credits including all mandatory modules at levels 4 .

Course Delivery

The course is delivered at Ipswich. Students studying full-time on the BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology course are likely to have approximately 12 hours per week structured learning for level 4, 9 hours per week structured learning for level 5 and 6 hours per week structured learning for level 6. Tutor structured learning will be a mix of lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials and guided learning activities which take place on campus and through our online learning environment.

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Course Costs

Students undertaking BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology (sandwich route) course will be charged tuition fees as detailed below:

Student Group	Tuition Fees
Full-time UK	£9,250 per year (excluding sandwich year, for which the fee will be £1,850 for the year)
Part-time UK	Not applicable
Full-time EU/International	£15,090 per year (excluding sandwich year, for which the fee will be £3,018 for the year)
Part-time EU/International	Not applicable

Payment of tuition fees is due at the time of enrolment and is managed in accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy.

Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the [website](#).