

Psychology

BA [Hons] [NFQ Level 8]



Psychology PCS1

Length of Course 3 Years

Guideline Entry Requirements

IB - International Baccalaureate Diploma	IB Total 39 A high level of English language competency is normally required
Cambridge A Level [+ GCSE O Level]	AAAB 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:

- Université catholique de l'Ouest, France
- 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.

Brittany Henning, USA, is a graduate of the UCD Higher Diploma in Psychology.

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Studying UCD Psychology

Year 1

Foundations of Psychological knowledge

CORE MODULES

Brain & Behaviour

Psychology of Perception

Introduction to Social Psychology

Psychological Research

Plus two other Arts subjects

Year 2

Engage with the principles

SAMPLE CORE MODULES

Visual Cognition

Psychology of Language

Laboratory Practicals

Analysis & Design

History of Psychology

International study abroad opportunity for one year*

Plus optional modules for Years 2 & 3

Clinical Psychology
Counselling Psychology
Sport & Exercise Psychology
Psychology & Crime
Psychological Trauma
Practicing Organisational Psychology
Advanced Language Development
Health Psychology
Biological Psychology
Disability Studies

Year 3

SAMPLE CORE MODULES

Behavioural Neuroscience

Lifespan Development

Research Dissertation

Advanced Social Psychology

Intelligence

Bachelor of Arts

Refine your knowledge: UCD graduate study

Taught Graduate Programmes

MSc in Rehabilitation & Disability Studies

MPsychSc

Research based Programmes

DPsychSc (Clinical Programme)

MLitt

PhD

Shape your career Sample opportunities

Psychology Careers

PSYCHOLOGIST

Clinical

Counselling

Education

Forensic

Neuropsychologist

Work & Organisation

Health

Sports

Research

Business Related Careers

Human Resources Officer/Manager

Recruitment Consultant

Change Management/Management Consultant

Training & Development Officer/Manager

Retail Manager

Public Relations

Advertising Executive

Market Researcher

Public Sector Careers

Health

Civil Service

Local Councils

Education

Therapeutic Careers

Art Therapist

Psychotherapist

Drama Therapist

Music Therapist

Continue to develop your professional career with UCD...

*Université Catholique de l'Ouest (Angers, France), Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Madrid, Spain), Freie Universität Berlin (Germany), University of Groningen (the Netherlands), Georgetown University (Washington DC, USA).