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Course information for applicants

This information applies to the course as it will be delivered to students starting the course in 2027/28.
Information provided here was confirmed on 14/10/2026

General information

Programme code
MPSYD

Target award
If you complete this course successfully you will be eligible for the award of:
MSc Psychology (Conversion Award)

Delivery mode
☐ On campus
✓ Distance learning

Where you will study
This is a distance learning course.

Professional accreditation or recognition

Professional body
British Psychological Society

Summary of the accreditation or recognition
To be eligible for the British Psychological Society's (BPS) Graduate Basis for Chartership (GBC), students must pass the empirical psychology project (Dissertation) and gain at least an overall pass mark of at least 50% across the entire course.

In addition, all distance learning students must physically attend the Summer School held at Leeds Beckett University in the summer following completion of Semester One and Semester Two (for full-time students) and between the first and second year of study for part-time students.

Awarding body
Leeds Beckett University

Regulator
Office for Students

Level of qualification

Level 7 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications

Course duration

If you are made an offer of a place on the course, your offer letter will include the start date.

This course can be studied:
12 months full-time
24 months part-time

Part-time study

This course can be studied part-time.

If you study the course part-time, it will usually take twice as long to complete compared with the equivalent full-time course. The modules may be delivered in a different sequence than on the full-time course, but you will study the same modules at each academic level. With the agreement of the course team, you may be able to increase your pace of study to shorten the overall course duration.

Entry requirements

Admissions criteria are available on the online prospectus entry for this course.

If you have previous relevant qualifications or experience, you could be exempt from certain parts of your course. Recognition of prior learning (RPL) allows you to start your course at a point appropriate to the learning and skills that you may have developed in a professional, vocational or community setting.

Find out more here: https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/student-information/course-information/recognition-of-prior-learning
If you have questions about entry requirements and admissions, contact AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Course fees

Course fees and a breakdown of any additional costs is included on the online prospectus entry for this course.

If you have questions about fees for this course, contact Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Timetable

As an asynchronous course, you can study at any time during the week. As an intensive course, it is advised that you commit a weekly time to complete your learning activities to complete the course in a timely manner.
The timetable for the Summer School will be released in Semester 1.

What you will study

Course aims

Psychology degrees in the UK are sought-after as the starting point for a diverse array of careers. While employers from a range of sectors value the skills and competencies that psychology students develop, many students seek a career in a Chartered area of Psychology such as Health Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Counselling Psychology, Educational Psychology, Occupational Psychology Sports Psychology, Neuropsychology, or Forensic Psychology.

To gain entrance onto the specialised training programmes for these Chartered pathways, students need a psychology qualification offering the Graduate Basis for Chartership (GBC) from the British Psychological Society (BPS).

The MSc Psychology (Conversion Award) Distance Learning provides the opportunity to qualify for the GBC via a condensed programme of study for people who have not studied Psychology previously or who have completed an undergraduate degree with a psychology component not accredited by the BPS.

The programme aims to:

- Provide students with a thorough knowledge and understanding of theories, concepts and frameworks in the BPS core curriculum areas of psychology.
- Equip students with detailed knowledge and skills in both quantitative and qualitative research methods.
- Provide students with skills in critically evaluating psychological theories, concepts, and research, with a consideration of different theoretical, epistemological, ethical, cultural, and global perspectives.
- Explore understandings of the diversity of psychological functioning and the global and sociocultural context of human mind, brain, behaviour, and experiences.
- Enable students to communicate research findings to others in a variety of formats, both academic and non-academic, written and verbal.
- Develop independence and employability through increasing evaluative and reflective skills.
- Prepare students for a career in psychology or cognate areas.

Teaching and learning activities

The MSc Psychology (Conversion Award) Distance Learning utilises a range of teaching methods and learning activities to disseminate knowledge and facilitate students' learning. The emphasis is on students to engage with these support activities and take responsibility for gaining the knowledge needed to successfully complete the course.

Students receive an online course handbook detailing the course and assessment structure, expectations of students, and links to relevant University information (such as regulations and policies). Prior to the commencement of the course, students can undertake a non-credit bearing pre-course activities with details for how the modules will be delivered, types of teaching elements, a walk-through of module site layouts, how assessments will be undertaken, and other material relevant to the modules.

Each module scaffolds students through each topic, with all readings, voiced lecture slides, videos, and discussion platforms integrated into a continuous flow. All teaching is provided online; lectures will be delivered asynchronously. Assessments, both individual and group, are embedded alongside the learning content. The MSc Psychology, in accordance with Leeds Beckett University policy, uses Turn-it-in for students to audit their work and

submit assignments prior to formal submission to avoid plagiarism and to learn improved referencing and citation skills.

The Summer School is a practical and research-intensive face-to-face experience that is contextualised with knowledge gained within modules. Attendance at the Summer School is one of the requirements to gain GBC eligibility.

All members of staff are aware of the need for all teaching and learning contexts to be:

i) Non-discriminatory and appropriate for each student.
ii) Respectful and valuing the perspectives and experiences everyone can offer.
iii) Promoting the values and practices associated with inclusive attitudes and behaviours in others.

We expect students to also be aware of these needs. Further information can be found on the MSc Psychology course site on MyBeckett.

The course also makes extensive use of the VLE to disseminate information about the course, the professional body (BPS), the discipline of Psychology, and Leeds Beckett University. Communications from the VLE will include information about students' studies and any changes to practice, changes to the timing of the return of coursework etc.

Course structure

This information is correct for students progressing through the course within standard timescales. If you have to repeat study or take time out during your course, you may be taught alternative modules which meet the overall course learning outcomes.

The option modules listed may vary. Those listed here are likely to be offered in a typical year.

Level 7 Full-time

Compulsory modules

Module title	**Credits**	**Semester/ teaching period**
Research Methods & Analysis A	20	1
Social Psychology	20	1
Research Methods & Analysis B	20	1
Neuroscience of Behaviour	20	1
Developmental Psychology	20	2
Cognitive Psychology	20	2
Dissertation for Masters	40	2
Summer School *(attendance required for GBC Eligibility)*	0	Summer after Semester One and Semester Two
Number of credits of compulsory modules	160	

Option modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Biopsychology of Stress and Health	20	2
Clinical and Counselling Psychology	20	2
Educational Psychology	20	2
Consumer Psychology	20	2
Number of credits of option modules a student should choose	20	

Level 7 Part-time

Year 1 compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Research Methods & Analysis A	20	1
Neuroscience of Behaviour	20	1
Developmental Psychology	20	2
Cognitive Psychology	20	2
Summer School *(attendance required for GBC Eligibility)*	0	Summer between Year one and year two
Number of credits of compulsory modules	80	

Year 2 compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Research Methods & Analysis B	20	1
Social Psychology	20	1
Dissertation for Masters	40	2
Number of credits of compulsory modules	80	

Year 2 option modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Biopsychology of Stress and Health	20	2
Clinical and Counselling Psychology	20	2
Educational Psychology	20	2
Consumer Psychology	20	2
Number of credits of option modules a student should choose	20	

Assessment and feedback

The balance of assessment may change depending on which option modules you choose.

Level 7

On this course students will be assessed by coursework predominately, with some examinations. The summer school includes practical sessions.

Workload

You can expect to spend a total of 100 hours learning per 10 credits.

Typically, a student on this course can expect to divide their time like this:

Overall workload	Level 7
Teaching, learning and assessment	59 hours
Independent study	1741 hours
Placement study	0 hours