By providing scientifically rigorous insights into why people think, feel and act the way they do, Psychology has the potential not only to help us understand our own behaviour, but to comprehend the decisions and behaviours of others, aid those who are more vulnerable, and change the world for the better.

Building on our international reputation for research and teaching Warwick’s psychology degree invites you to share in this venture.
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“This is a very student-orientated department. The staff were accessible and easy to get help from. I enjoyed 3rd year modules (e.g., Psychology of Ageing, Issues in Family and Development). The content of the lectures were cutting-edge and interesting.”

Ruru Ping
BSc Psychology, Oct 2012 - June 2015
A very warm welcome to Psychology at Warwick!

The University of Warwick is one of the UK’s top 10 institutions. You will join a Department that offers a superb intellectual environment to all its students and staff. All our students acquire a broad range of skills that make them highly attractive to a wide range of employers. Indeed Warwick students are some of the most sought-after graduates by top employers, worldwide.

The Psychology Department’s mission is to educate our students in the study of the mind, brain and behaviour. This includes a wide range of topics, ranging from animal behaviour to genetics, individual differences and personality to cognitive neuroscience, and from sleep health to advertising and group behaviour. We have a new Joint WMG-Psychology Driving Simulator in our department, to complement our existing Sleep Laboratories and Infant Behaviour labs. Our staff are international leaders in their field, bringing a level of expertise and dedication to their teaching that guarantees a uniquely enriching experience for our students.

Set in more than 700 acres of fine landscaped countryside, all students live in accommodation on the campus in their first year, where they enjoy first-class facilities in a self-contained community. The campus has excellent retail, social, sporting and arts facilities, including the largest Arts Centre in the Midlands. Just over an hour from London, and less than 30 minutes from Birmingham, we offer the perfect balance of beautiful scenery and ready access to major cities and historical towns.

We do hope you will join us! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about our course or Department.

Professor Robin Goodwin
Head of Psychology

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The Warwick Experience: Study at a World-class University

The decision about where you study is a very important one. Your University choice is a major financial decision - and you will be committing several years of your life to your new institution. So why choose Warwick?

A smart investment
3rd in the world in young universities under 50 (QS Top 50), 6th of all UK Universities (Times and Sunday Times 2015) and one of the UK’s leading research Universities Warwick graduates are the third most targeted by graduate employers (High Fliers Research, 2015). Over 300 leading employers visit campus each year to meet our students, and offer graduates the highest quality of jobs.

A beautiful location
Located on a picturesque self-contained campus set in 750 acres of natural countryside our campus was listed by the national newspaper The Daily Telegraph as one of Britain’s most beautiful universities. On the campus you can enjoy serene lakes, woods and beautifully tended gardens, along with residences, shops, post office, banks, supermarket, hairdressers and a variety of restaurants, bars and cafés.

The University is easy to access too. Set in the Centre of England, the University of Warwick can be readily reached by rail, car or plane from all parts of the UK and abroad. There is ready access to the major cities of Oxford and Birmingham, and the beautiful historic towns of Stratford upon-Avon, Warwick, Kenilworth and Royal Leamington Spa - where many of our students live.

With nearly 300 student societies and sports clubs - covering activities as diverse as juggling, cinema, Harry Potter, and cheese and chocolate appreciation - you will have many opportunities to meet people, learn valuable skills and try new things. We also participate actively in the local community and further afield (www.warwick.ac.uk/volunteers, www.warwick.ac.uk/warwickinafrica)
Excellent facilities - and a vibrant student life

As one of the world’s leading young Universities we recognise the importance of an up-to-date, vibrant University environment.

On campus we have the Warwick Arts Centre, one of the largest arts centres in the UK, attracting around 300,000 visitors a year to over 2,000 individual events. It boasts three outstanding performance venues, plus cinema and gallery. Our sports facilities are among the best in the UK. Warwick was an official training venue for the 2012 London Olympics. Our main University Sports Centre houses a gym, a 25-metre six-lane swimming pool, squash courts, a training studio and an aerobics studio. We also have an indoor and outdoor tennis centre, outdoor all-weather floodlit pitches, a ‘Mondo’ 400-metre all-weather running track and three indoor sports halls. We have recently invested £40 million into making sport at Warwick even more rewarding and accessible (see www.warwicksport.com for details)

We are currently finalising a new £20M teaching and learning building, which will house some of the finest teaching and learning resources available in the UK.
On campus
Most first year students live on campus. Priority for campus accommodation is given to first year undergraduates who have accepted an offer from Warwick as their first choice and applied by 31 July of the year they begin your course. Purpose-built residences provide over 6,000 rooms for both undergraduates and postgraduates, all within ten minutes’ walk of our academic and social spaces. Much of this accommodation is en-suite but there are also traditional university halls, as well as flats, for between five and twelve students, with shared kitchens and bathrooms.

All residences have network ports and high speed network/ internet access, and are furnished and maintained to a high standard. All have residential staff who after students’ welfare.

You will have a choice of a 30-week or 39-week let, with the latter allowing you to stay during the shorter vacations. Prices in 2015-16 ranged from £77 to £171 per week

Off campus
After the first year, students typically share a house or flat in nearby Leamington Spa or nearby towns and villages. Final year students can also apply for campus accommodation via a ballot. For those living off campus Warwick Accommodation provides a specialised service, with hundreds of well-maintained and furnished properties in Coventry, Kenilworth and Leamington Spa, close to convenient bus routes to the University. Particularly popular is Leamington Spa - an elegant Georgian town centre that is also the centre of the computer games industry!
You will join a friendly, highly research-active department with laboratory facilities commended by the British Psychological Society, the major national accreditation body (BPS 2015).

Founded in 1974, we have 28 academic members of staff, another 20 research, technical and administrative staff, and an annual undergraduate intake of approximately 130. This makes us large enough to provide excellent resources and a broad and comprehensive education – but not so overwhelming that your tutors don’t know who you are! Located in the centre of the campus you can quickly socialise with your colleagues in our Psychology Common Room (over free tea or coffee) and learn about the numerous social and academic events organised by the department and the student-led Psychology Society. You can also join us for our annual residential staff-student away weekend, set in beautiful Windsor Park.

A room in our sleep lab
We have been nationally recognised for encouraging research your own independent throughout your degree (BPS, 2015). By devising your own research projects from the very first year of the course, we enable you to contribute to the world-class research conducted in our Department. Research carried out in the Department ranges from improving sleep to paying attention when driving, from decision making amongst police to communication between babies - and meerkats (!) - and from bullying online to eating disorders. To do this we work closely with the NHS, the Police, and international bodies such as the World Health Organisation.
Structure of the degree: BSc in Psychology (course code: C800)

Our three year full-time honours degree provides you with eligibility for Graduate Membership of the British Psychological Society. This is very important if you wish to pursue postgraduate training as a professional psychologist. Our degree is tailored to give you an invaluable mixture of skills, combining quantitative and qualitative research methods, critical analyses, advanced capabilities in oral and written communication, and project management and teamwork.

During your degree you will study the following:

**Year 1**: The foundations of research methods and psychological theory, such as social and developmental psychology. During this year you can also choose an optional module in another subject from a wide range of options across the University. You will also conduct your first research project, collaborating with others in your own small group project.

**Year 2**: The core areas of psychology, and development of research skills. Modules typically include Individual Differences; Language and Cognition; Perception, Planning and Action; Research Methods; Developmental Psychology; Psychobiology and Social Psychology. You can also take an additional module from outside the Department; previous students have taken modules from the Institute of Advanced Teaching and Learning, from the Language Centre and the School of Life Sciences. Again you conduct and analyse data from your own novel research project, working in a small group.

**Year 3**: you now have a wide choice, selecting from a large range of advanced specialised options taught by experts in those fields. Recent options include 4 in the broad area of Clinical/Abnormal Psychology (Abnormal Psychology, Developmental Psychopathology, Families and Development, Sleep and Health). Others include Psychology and the Law, Human Sexuality, and Persuasion and Influence amongst others.

We have excellent links with a number of departments around the University and you can take full use of these. For example you may choose to take an extra module from another academic department such as Warwick Business School, the School of Life Sciences or, perhaps the Departments of Philosophy or Sociology. You also complete a final-year project in an area of your choice, working alone or in a pair, which contributes 25% to your final-year mark.
How will I study?

Each week there will be various teaching activities, supplemented by time spent working privately or with other students reading, making notes, and writing essays and practical reports.

For each of your modules you will have a combination of lectures and seminars. Lectures will introduce you to a particular topic. During weekly seminars you will build on the knowledge theories and ideas from the lecture and readings, sharing your views about the topic and debating the issues. Seminar groups are small so that you have personal access to the tutor as well as the opportunity to voice your views.

Different modules are assessed through a mix of exams and essays as well as online quizzes, group presentations, research projects or podcasts. You will also have non-assessed essays which will not necessarily contribute marks to your overall grade but will provide you with invaluable feedback and ideas about how to develop your style and skills.

Guiding you through your degree

Throughout your degree you will have with an academic member of staff who will act as your personal tutor. Your tutor will support both your academic progress and your personal well-being. In addition our Psychology Department Mentoring Scheme provides on-hand guidance and advice from more advanced undergraduate students and postgraduates, enabling you to settle into University life and progress in your studies as smoothly as possible. Additional relevant help can also be obtained from the Senior Tutor and the University’s own team of professional counsellors.

Further academic writing support is offered in both group format (through specific courses, lectures, seminars) and through the opportunity for tailored one-to-one consultation/advice. At a University level Warwick also offers the Undergraduate Skills Programme and Academic Writing Programme to help you perfect your academic skills. An Academic Support Librarian offers training in literature searching, finding and using information, referencing and avoiding plagiarism, and reference tools.

Finally, for each module you take, Module Tutors will provide you with specific advice about the subject matter, providing advice on essays and assignments. Module tutors have weekly one-to-one Advice and Feedback Office Hours where you can seek guidance on your essays and ask questions about feedback you received.
At Warwick Psychology we are passionate about giving you opportunities to carry out a research project of your choosing during your summer holidays.

This is supported through the competitive Undergraduate Research Support Scheme, to which our undergraduate students can apply - and are often successful! This provides you living expenses and the opportunity to work alongside an expert in their field on your research project. This gives an invaluable advantage to those looking to pursue postgraduate study, and adds further value to your Psychology degree.

In addition The Institute for Applied Teaching (IATL) offer funding directly to students undertaking either individual or collaborative research, through their Student as Producer fund. IATL also host an international, peer-reviewed journal for the publication of undergraduate research papers. As a result many of our undergraduates gain academic publications alongside their degree.
In an interconnected world, employers greatly value an international perspective. Studying abroad provides you with a first-hand opportunity to explore how culture influences psychological processes and develop a range of valuable skills that give you a competitive advantage in the graduate market.

During your time abroad you will have the chance to study new and different modules or subjects, allowing you to tailor your time away to your interests. Of course you should also have a great time, expanding your social networks and developing knowledge you will be able to apply to the rest of your degree when you return to Warwick.

Not sure about your language skills? Before you go we can arm you with the necessary language skills through our Language Centre. This can provide you with formalised language tuition, online learning, or by supporting you to learn a language in your spare time.

Our partners
Our Department is part of the University’s large global network of exchange partners, with long-standing agreements with prestigious universities in more than 40 countries around the world. A particularly popular Warwick option is with Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, acknowledged as one of the world’s top universities. Other partnerships include Japanese and Chinese universities, Seoul National University in South Korea and the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro. For a full list of our more than 250 partners see: www2.warwick.ac.uk/studyabroad

We also take part in ERASMUS+, the European Union exchange scheme - this potentially gives you a path to studying in a European university. Our Department has established partnership agreements with universities in Spain, Germany, Belgium, Poland, and Finland. Our Erasmus exchange gives you the opportunity to choose from among the finest universities in Europe.

Typically, students in their second year of study apply to go abroad for a third year of study at a European institution. Students then return to Warwick for their final year.
What can I do with my degree?
Career opportunities

A psychology degree gives you a great understanding of the factors underlying human behaviour, and the practical skills for carrying out, analysing and reporting your research. As well as your expertise in psychology, you will also have developed a range of other important numerical and computational skills; presentational skills, both written and oral; and skills of working in groups. This makes psychology graduates highly attractive to a wide range of employers.

After their degree some students go on to teach and carry out research within universities or other organisations, such as governments. Usually this requires further study, such as a PhD, and the Warwick degree provides a strong foundation for this.

Others go directly into related fields as professional psychologists. For some of these areas you may need specialised professional training (such as in clinical psychology or educational psychology) but again your Warwick psychology degree is the ideal first step.

Other graduates go on to work in related areas in management and administration in the public and private sectors (such as financial institutions, multinational companies, media, advertising and market research). Once again the strong combination of numerical and writing abilities you learn in our psychology course provides you with an excellent and appealing set of skills.

Example of our graduates’ jobs include:

- Digital analyst for a PR firm
- Social media coordinator for a major price comparison website
- Advisor to The Alzheimer’s Society
- Merchandising Co-ordinator for Christian Dior
- Specialist clinical psychologist for a major health Trust
- Financial Assessor
- Strategist
- Lecturer
- Marketing Co-ordinator
- Public Relations Executive
How to apply

All applications, whether from UK residents or from overseas, are made online through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). If you have any enquiries, you can call UCAS on 0871 468 0 468 ucas.ac.uk. Our institution code is W20.

Unless you’ve already taken your exams, your offer will be conditional on achieving your specified grades. Your place at your firm choice is guaranteed if you meet these conditions at results time.

Entry requirements

A levels and higher We require A level AAB, including Grade B GCSE Mathematics (5 in Higher Level Mathematics, 6 in Standard Level Mathematics). Applicants with no natural science subject at A level are normally expected to have grade B in two science subjects/double science at GCSE. A levels in other Subjects and Mixed Portfolio Candidates are considered on an individual basis.
**Other Qualifications** International Baccalaureate 36 points. We welcome applications from students with other internationally recognised qualifications. For more information please visit the international entry requirements page.

**Access Courses** (Access Courses Access to HE Diploma, QAA-recognised). We require appropriate subjects with distinction grades in level 3 units. Please contact the Department of Psychology before applying on +44 (0)24 765 23096 or email psychology@warwick.ac.uk.

**Interviews** We do not typically interview applicants. Offers are made based on your predicted and actual grades, along with your personal statement. Occasionally, some applicants may be interviewed, for example candidates returning to study or those with non-standard qualifications.

**Academic Fees**

Academic fees for Home/EU full-time undergraduate students in 2016-17 will be £9,000 (STC) per annum. This covers tuition, examination registration and some student amenities but not accommodation, meals or other personal items.

Financial support for home students from families on lower incomes will be provided through Warwick National Scholarships and Warwick Bursaries. More information can be found at warwick.ac.uk/services/academicoffice/funding.

For further details about fees please see warwick.ac.uk/ugfees
Visit us
Applicants who live in the UK are strongly encouraged to visit us to meet students and staff and learn more about life at Warwick, our facilities and the course content.

Before you apply you can visit Warwick via our University-wide Open Days, held in June and September each year, which include psychology talks and an opportunity to see our facilities. (warwick.ac.uk/opendays for details).

If you cannot make an open day you might also like to attend a Warwick Visit. These last about two hours, include a campus tour and give you a quick snapshot of life as a Warwick undergraduate.

Alternatively, you can contact us to arrange an individual visit. You’ll find full information on Open Days, Warwick Visits and other opportunities to visit us at www.warwick.ac.uk/ug/visits
After an application is made all Psychology offer holders resident in the UK will be invited to an admissions day. You will spend the day meeting current psychology students and receive a presentation about the course, a tour of our facilities, a campus tour and a chance to learn about student life.

For any further information, or have any questions, please contact our admissions secretary on +44(0)24 7652 3096 or psychology@warwick.ac.uk

You may also like to:

- Check out the student.blogs. warwick.ac.uk and read about daily life for our student bloggers
- Follow us Warwick Psychology on Facebook www.facebook.com/psychologywarwick/ or Twitter @warwickpsych
- Find out more details about our courses and department by visiting our departmental website warwick.ac.uk/psychology
- Browse warwick.ac.uk/ug for information about university life, including finance, accommodation and campus life at Warwick
- Or simply talk to us. Give our Undergraduate Psychology Admissions Team a call on +44(0) 24 7652 3096 / +44(0)24 7615 0514 or email us on psychology@warwick.ac.uk
“My 3-year experience at the University of Warwick was absolutely amazing, academically and socially. Specifically, the Department of Psychology offered an excellent standard of teaching, which was very engaging. This was especially in the third year, where we could choose our courses, according to our interests. The professors are very welcoming, and keen to make time for you whenever you want to discuss course related content! The facilities at the University, ranging from the library to the gym are at a very high standard and constantly improving. As an example, there is a new sleep-lab, which in fact we could use to enhance our understanding of the third year module ‘Sleep and Health.’ What is also fantastic, is the yearly trip to the Cumberland lodge, organized by the Psychology Society, an opportunity to interact with professors of various specialist research areas from all over the UK, in a relaxed setting.”

Auður Sigvaldadottir
BSc Psychology, Oct 2012 - June 2015