



Are you determined to pursue a professional career in psychology but don't have an undergraduate degree in the subject? Our online MSc in Psychology will equip you with the knowledge and understanding of core areas of psychology, and will prepare you to make ethical and evidence-based decisions in the field.

This course is accredited by the **British Psychological Society (BPS)**. This means that through this conversion course, you will be eligible for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the BPS - essential for pursuing a career in recognised psychology professions.

Modules are:

Research Methods

As the first module of your Psychology conversion course, you will be introduced to the origins of psychology and how it has evolved into a scientific discipline. It is important to build a sound understanding of quantitative and qualitative methods in psychological research. You will learn how to design experiments, gather and analyse data using specialist software, and develop the ability to write up quantitative reports. You will also be introduced to interviewing and discourse analysis.



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Cognitive Psychology

This module will help you to consider the ways in which the brain constructs its interpretation of the world and how this interpretation can be misleading, using theoretical framework in perception, learning, memory and language. You will be introduced to major issues that underpin cognitive psychology, including the interactive nature of cognitive processing and the core role of empirical research in developing cognitive theory. You will also consider the key conceptual and ethical concerns of research in this area.

Social Psychology

This module will give you an understanding of human behaviour by exploring conceptual and historical issues in social psychology. You will learn various traditional and critical research methods, through philosophical, theoretical and methodological perspectives. Practically applying social psychological theory to real world issues is a key outcome, exploring human behaviour in areas such as social constructionism, culture and language, self and identity, attitudes, persuasion, prejudice and aggression.



Individual Differences and Abnormal Psychology

What is meant by individual differences? How do people differ psychologically? This module will prepare you to approach the study and assessment of personality, intelligence, and psychological disorders. You will get the chance to study the controversial history of psychological measurement and definitions of intelligence, personality and abnormality. You will be equipped to approach personality through psychoanalytical and psychometric means, gaining the ability to classify psychological disorders and their treatments.

Lifespan Development

How do childhood experiences affect later development? In this module you will consider human development across the lifespan and explore the theories and approaches that can be applied. These include attachment theory, behaviour genetics, and Erikson's theory, and will cover cognitive, social, emotional and moral development. You will also consider meta-representation: how do we view our own desires and emotions? How does our self-representation relate to our personal development?

Behavioural Neuroscience

This module will introduce you to the structure and function of the human nervous system, where you will learn about the methodologies of biological psychology and cognitive neuroscience. You will explore philosophical approaches to the mind-brain problem and gain a valuable understanding of human behaviours through a biological lens, including perspective from genetics, evolution, human and animal research, neuroimaging, brain disorders and their relationship to cognitive and emotional functioning. You will cover ethical, methodological and conceptual issues in human and animal research,

and explore behavioural neuroscience models of consciousness in this module.

Advanced Psychology Project

The research project is a vital part of achieving Masters level - and it is your chance to undertake research into an area of your choosing, related to the programme theme.

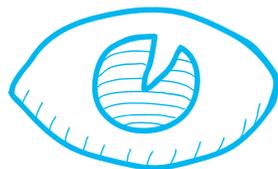
This is an opportunity for you to apply your research skills and subject knowledge by designing, implementing, analysing, interpreting, critically evaluating and communicating through formal means an empirical piece of research on a key psychological issue. You will be responsible for the



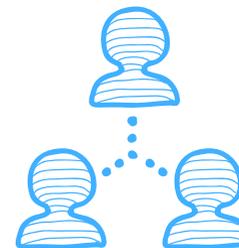
recruitment of participants and following the guidelines for ethical practice in psychological research. We'll support you along the way at regular intervals and offer guidance when required, as psychological research is so diverse. You will develop your critical abilities and produce a piece of work that's relevant in practice and meets the academic standards needed at Masters level, and just as importantly, add value to your current or future career.

Course duration and hours of study

This varies depending on the course you're studying but you can access modules at a pace that is convenient for you. Once you have accessed a module, there is a minimum and maximum time that you will need to finish the module within.



You can find out more information on the course page, visit www.arden.ac.uk. Alternatively, please call our admissions team on +44 (0) 2476 515700 or 0800 268 7737 for more details.





Entry requirements

To be eligible for this course you must normally have:

A UK honours degree at a minimum of second class (2.2) or equivalent.

And

A maths qualification equivalent to at least a Grade C at GCSE

For students whose prior learning was not taught in English:

IELTS 6.5 or equivalent.

We'll typically ask you for a personal statement that demonstrates your ability to study the course. We may also want references and evidence of relevant experiences.



Don't have any of these?

If you don't already have an undergraduate degree, we may be able to offer you a place on one of our undergraduate degree programmes.

How to apply

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