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MSc Psychology (Conversion)

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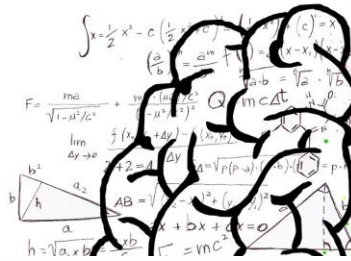
Getting to know you

MSc Psychology (Conversion)

- What is your background?
- How long has it been since you've been out of education?
- What are your plans with this degree?



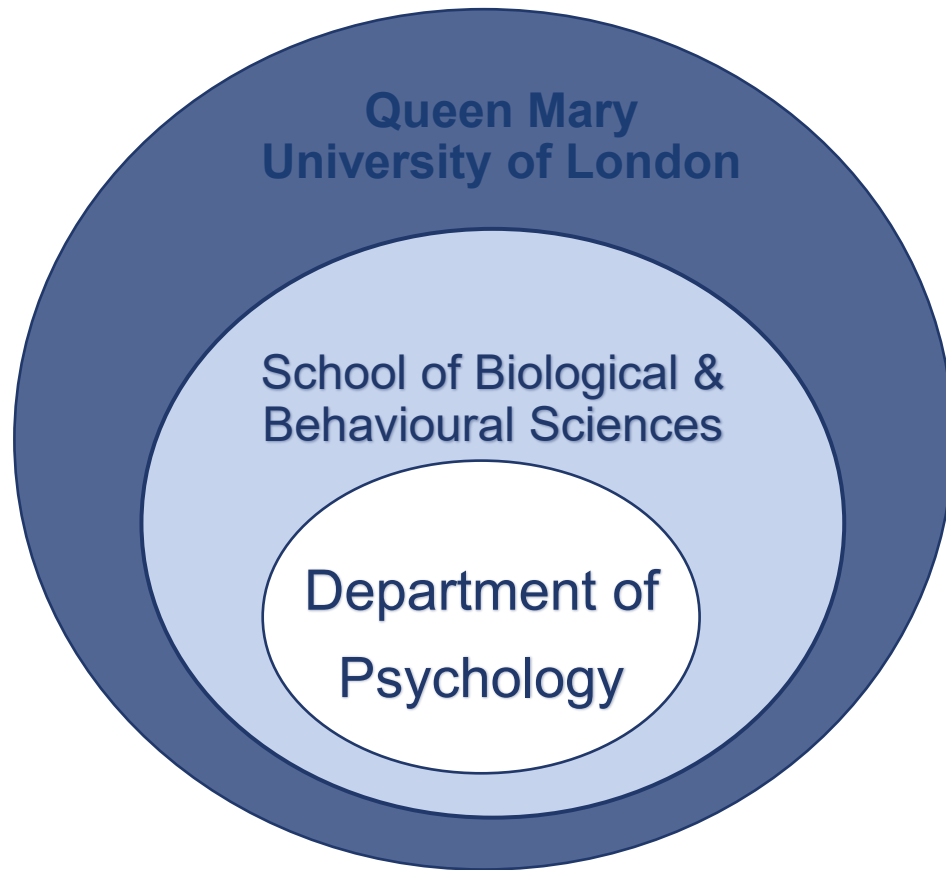
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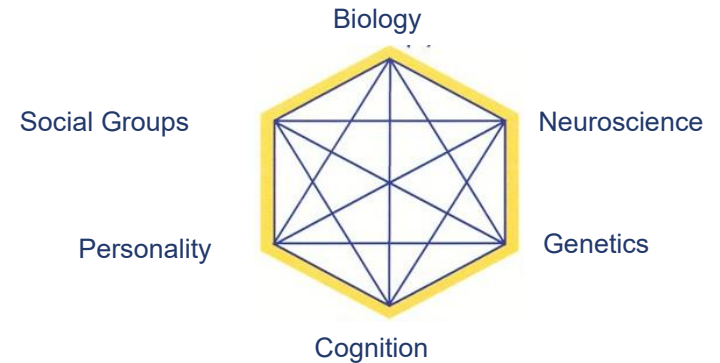
MSc Psychology (Conversion)

*An exciting one-year psychology
programme for individuals that already
have an undergraduate degree*





Interdisciplinary Perspective



Accredited by British Psychological Society (BPS)

7 Core Areas of Psychology

Biological Psychology

Developmental Psychology

Social Psychology

Cognitive Psychology

Individual Differences

Conceptual and Historical Perspectives

Research Methods



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Cohort

Programme started new in 23/24!

- 36 students in 23/24, 120 in 24/25
- Mix of mature students and recent university graduates

Cohort size for 25/26 is looking similar to that of last year:

- Current applications looks like expected cohort is ~120 students

MSc Programme team

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Deputy programme director

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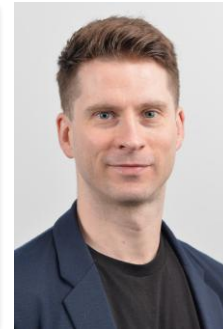


Dr Frederike Beyer
*Interim Head of
Psychology Department*



Education administrators: Lavi Begum and Saima Sheikh

MSc Psychology (Conversion) Teaching team



Psychology Academic Staff





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SEMESTER A				SEMESTER B				SEMESTER C			
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug
Research Methods and Statistics I (15 credits)				Research Methods and Statistics II (15 credits)				MSc Research Project (60) A focussed piece of research within a research group at QMUL			
Social Psychology (15 credits)				Developmental Psychology (15 credits)							
Cognitive Psychology (15 credits)				Individual Differences (15 credits)							
Mental Health in Context (15 credits)				Introduction to Biopsychology (15 credits)							
MSc Research Project (60) spans throughout the year											

Timetable and contact hours

Timetable undergoing some last-minute changes:

- Looking like 3 days a week most weeks in Semester A: Mon, Tues, Fri
- Wednesday sessions are skills sessions delivered online
- Semester B to be confirmed in November

*However: this is a **FULL-TIME** campus-based degree*

- Taught hours + preparation and independent learning ~ 40 hours/per week
- We do not have fixed teaching days
- We do not have a part-time version or distance learning version

PSY727P Research Methods
& Statistics 1 (15)

Dr Alena Galilee
Dr Paul Faulkner



PSY732P Mental Health in Context (15)
Prof Isabelle Mareschal
Dr Cristina Cioffi



PSY726P Social Psychology (15)
Dr Stephanie Echols



PSY723P Cognitive Psychology (15)
Dr Lucie Charles
Dr Rani Moran



Semester A

PSY721P Introduction to Biopsychology (15)

Prof Andrea Benucci

Dr Elisabetta Versace



PSY725P Individual Differences (15)

Dr Nadine Lavan

Dr Kasia Kostyrka-Allchorne



PSY724P Developmental Psychology (15)

Dr Bosiljka Milosavljevic

Dr Alena Galilee



PSY728P Research Methods & Statistics 2 (15)

Dr Antonio Cataldo

Lara Webber



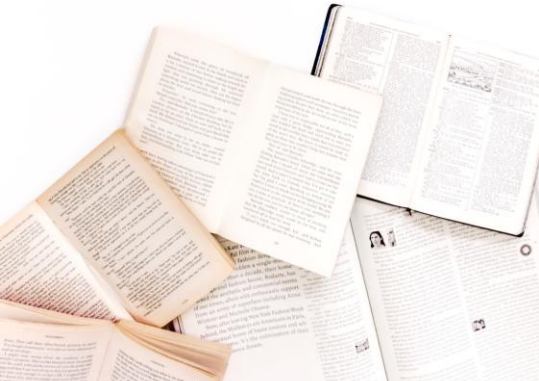
Semester B



Semester A, B and C

- Project supervisors will be academics from the Psychology Department.
- You will start choosing and developing your project ideas in Sem A and Sem B.
 - Questionnaire of project options to help with this
- Sem C will be fully dedicated to completing your project and writing up your dissertation.

Research Project - Orientation session – Week 3
Tuesday 7 October 11.00-13.00, GO Jonet LT



Psychology Research Project

- Work with an academic on a project in their expertise
- Large range of projects to choose from
 - From social to molecular!
- Lots of resources and support available
 - Running the research
 - Analysing the research data
 - Writing the project report
- Expected to work on this full-time in Semester C
- Must be passed to be eligible for BPS membership



Learning etiquette

Students are expected to conduct independent study, attend all lectures, and engage with group work

If you have longer period of absence (more than one week), please let each module organiser and the programme director know

Teaching and admin team are always happy to answer your queries. Do get in touch by email or on the QMplus forum!

- Staff will aim to respond to your email within **THREE** working days.



Assessment

Assessment Profile across modules designed to develop different skills

Critical essays

Reports

E-poster

Presentations

Newspaper article

Exam

Dissertation

Assessment profile

Varies across modules: each module organiser will explain in first lecture and information is always on QMplus under 'assessment'

Semester A

- ***Cognitive Psych***: essay + exam
- ***Statistics 1***: Practical statistics + lab report
- ***Social Psych***: group presentation + article
- ***Mental Health in Context***: reflection + essay

Semester B

- ***Biopsych***: group work + essay
- ***Statistics 2***: Practical statistics + lab report
- ***Developmental Psych***: report + individual recorded presentation
- ***Individual Differences***: e-poster + reflective report

Research project: e-poster + dissertation

Coursework calendar

All coursework deadlines for the whole year

- We try not to have to change any of these, but unexpected circumstances might mean we have to.

To help you plan your work, we have spread out deadlines across the programme

- Not more than one deadline for work >10% per week

Coursework Calendar available on QMplus Hub

QMUL academic year

Semester 1

15 September - 12 December 2025

Study period: 15 December - 19 December 2025

Bank holidays: 25 and 26 December 2025, 1 January 2026

Semester 1 - Examination Period

Study period: 5 January - 7 January 2026

Examinations: 8 January - 23 January 2026

Semester 2

26 January - 17 April 2026

Bank holidays: 3 and 6 April 2026

Semester 2 - Examination period

Study period: 5 May - 6 May 2026

Examinations: 7 May - 5 June 2026

Bank holidays: 4 and 25 May 2026

Late Summer Resit Period

- 3 August - 14 August 2026

Research project

Handed in 14 August 2026



Get involved

Our Psychology Community



- ~500 Undergraduate Students
- ~230 Postgraduate Students
- ~35+ Academic & Research Staff

Get involved!

Course Representatives

- Represent student interests on Student-Staff Liaison Committee
- You can be a representative too!

Student Voice Meetings & Coffee/Tea Sessions with me and/or Alena

- Informal chats
- We want to hear YOUR thoughts on how things are going
- And we would love feedback on the programme!

Get Involved! (part 2)

Research Seminar Series

- Psychology: Wednesdays, 1-2pm
- SBBS: Thursdays, 1-2pm

Psychology Society

- Run by and for Psychology students
- <https://www.qmsu.org/groups/8568/>
- Lots of activities you can join!



New MSc programme – opinions needed!

We want lots of feedback from you throughout the year

What is going well, what isn't quite working, what might be a useful addition, etc.

Some things we can't change immediately, some things we can!

- (e.g. type of assessment can only be changed in October for next academic year)

How can you find information about your programme?

First stop: QMPlus – a wealth of information!

- Explore the Welcome Week Page
- Explore the MSc Psychology (Conversion) Hub page
- Explore Module Pages

QMPlus

<https://qmplus.qmul.ac.uk/>

Queen Mary's Virtual Learning Environment

QMPlus page for each module

- Contains all information you need for that module
- Check this regularly
- When in doubt, try the hub page

Introduction to QMplus session later this week :)

MSc FT Psychology (Conversion) Hub - 2025/26

The screenshot shows the user interface of the MSc FT Psychology (Conversion) Hub for the 2025/26 academic year. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Module, Participants, Grades, Question bank, Competencies, and More. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with tabs: Module Content, Skills sessions, Employability (which is highlighted), Your feedback, and Support. The main content area is titled 'General' with a downward arrow icon. It contains two sections: 'Announcements' and 'Psychology (Conversion) Programme Forum'. The 'Announcements' section has a sub-header and a paragraph of text. The 'Psychology (Conversion) Programme Forum' section has a sub-header, a paragraph of text, and a note about monitoring and response time. Below these sections is another heading 'General Programme Information' with a downward arrow icon, followed by a welcome message and a paragraph of text.

Module Participants Grades Question bank Competencies More ▾

Module Content Skills sessions **Employability** Your feedback Support

▼ General

Announcements

General news and announcements from the Programme Director or teaching team.

Psychology (Conversion) Programme Forum

You can use this forum to ask questions, raise concerns, or share things that have been going well on the programme! Feel free to also answer each other's questions.

This forum will be monitored by the Programme Director, and you can expect a reply within 3 working days.

▼ General Programme Information

Hello! Welcome to the MSc Psychology (Conversion) programme page.

We're very happy to have you join us here at QMUL on our exciting new programme.

How can you find information about your programme? (2)

If not Qmplus, then what?

- Module Organisers for info on each module
- MSc Programme Handbook
- SBBS PG Programmes Handbook

Programme handbook

Programme Handbook for Psychology 2025/26

- Available on the QMPlus Hub

Useful information throughout your degree

Has all the nitty gritty details

PROGRAMME HANDBOOK FOR
MSc Psychology (Conversion)
DEGREE PROGRAMME
Academic Year 2025-26





Supporting you

Support at QMUL

There is lots of support available

- General academic questions about the programme
 - Email Gwen or Alena! g.brekelmans@qmul.ac.uk or a.galilee@qmul.ac.uk
- Module specific questions?
 - Email the module organiser
- General administrative questions about the programme
 - Get in touch with the education administrators, via AskQM
- Anything else?
 - First stop, academic advisor, next stop Alena as deputy director

Psychology Academic Advisors

- You will each be assigned an **Academic Advisor**
 - Name of who this is will follow soon!
- This is a member of the academic staff in Psychology who will help you for the duration of your course
 - You will meet them at least twice per semester
- They are your first point-of-contact for any issues that may arise
 - Worries about how you're doing on the course
 - Personal circumstances that affect your studies
 - Not sure who else to ask
 - Providing references for job applications

Support beyond Psychology

SBBS Student Support Officer

Shaheda Batha – get in touch with AskQM

Extenuating Circumstances <https://www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk/guides/extenuating-circumstances/>

QMUL Advice and Counselling Service <https://www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk/>

QMUL Dyslexia and Disabilities Service <http://www.dds.qmul.ac.uk/>

QMUL Careers & Enterprise <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/careers/>

Overview of all support on QMplus Hub – Student support page





What's after? Career prospects

**The MSc Psychology (Conversion) is a stepping stone to your career.
Not one fixed career prospect or pathway to get there.**

**Degree supports the development of transferrable skills.
QMUL dedicated Careers Office that can support you and guide you!
There will be psychology-specific careers sessions!**

What the MSc (Conversion) does NOT give you

- This is **NOT** a short-track to becoming a Clinical/Educational/Forensic Psychologist
 - Further information on that on
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/clinical-psychologist>
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/forensic-psychologist>
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/psychologist>
 - If you are interested in becoming a Clinical or Educational Psychologist outside of the UK, **make sure to check that your country recognises an MSc Psychology (Conversion) with 180 QMUL credits** (= 90 ECTS) as enough Psychology knowledge base!
- After your MSc degree, you will be considered as having the same equivalent knowledge as someone who has completed a BSc Psychology degree.
 - For most career options, you will need ***further specific experience***

Welcome from Queen Mary Careers & Enterprise!

We are here to support you with your next steps whatever they may be. Access a range of support including:



1:1 Appointments

- CV/Application Advice (20 minutes)
- Career Guidance (20 minutes)
- Practice Interviews (40 minutes)
- Plus specialist school & international student



Events

- Career Fairs
- Employer workshops
- Sector Themed Weeks
- Masterclasses



Work Experience and Enterprise Programmes

- Microinternships
- QHack (Enterprise boot camp)
- Qincubator (Test a business idea)



Enterprise

- Funding opportunities
- Business advice for Entrepreneurs
- Enterprise Appointments
- Graduate Enterprise support.

Targeted support also available from the Department of Psychology Careers Consultant- Nicole Estwick (N.Estwick@qmul.ac.uk)



Find out more by visiting QM Careers Hub

(Scan QR Code) or visiting our website-www.qmul.ac.uk/careers

Follow SBBS Careers QM Plus Page for updates!



Enjoy!

Enjoy the journey into Psychology 😊



Questions?

Next up:

Break and QM centrally organised

- Technology Enhanced Learning Team intro to QMplus
- Wellbeing fair, QMplus induction
- Campus tour (show up every hour on the hour at Library square)

After: social! - 16.00 Graduate Centre Foyer

Come say hi, meet other students on MSc programmes, and meet the staff teaching you

