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MSc Psychology: Mental Health Sciences Programme **Welcome**

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Who We Are



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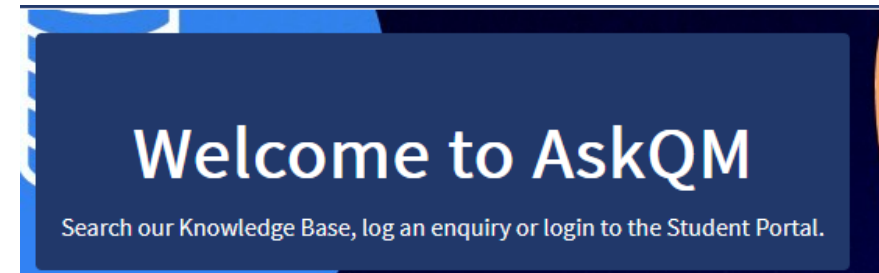
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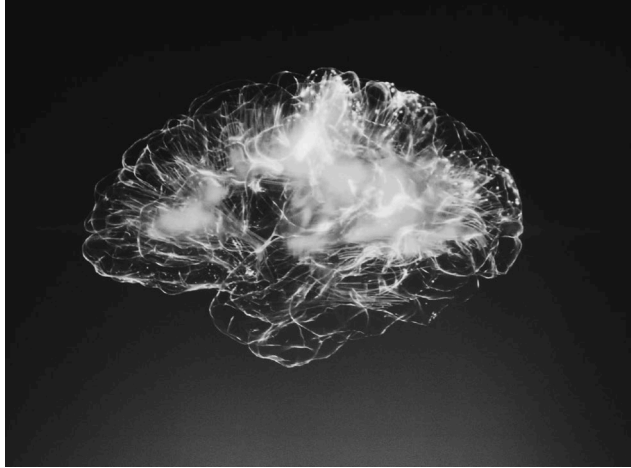
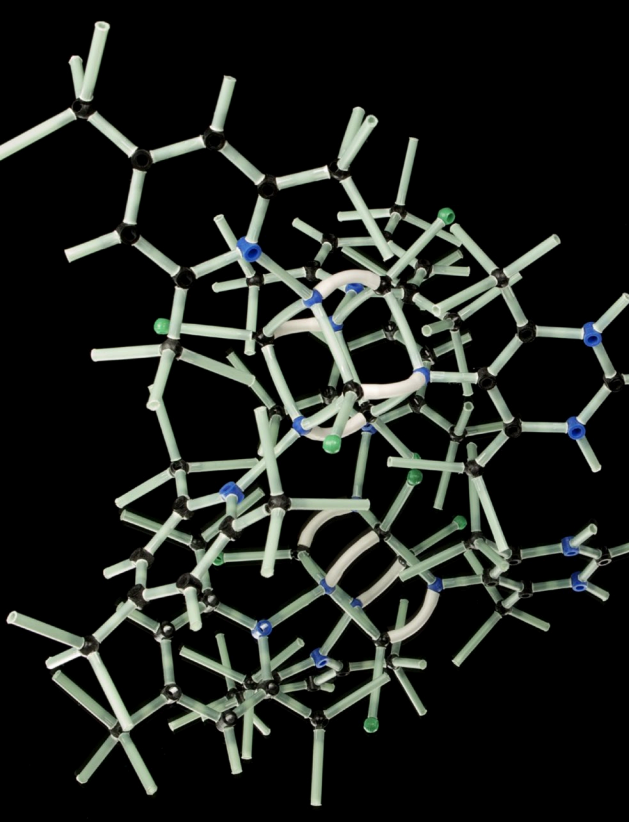
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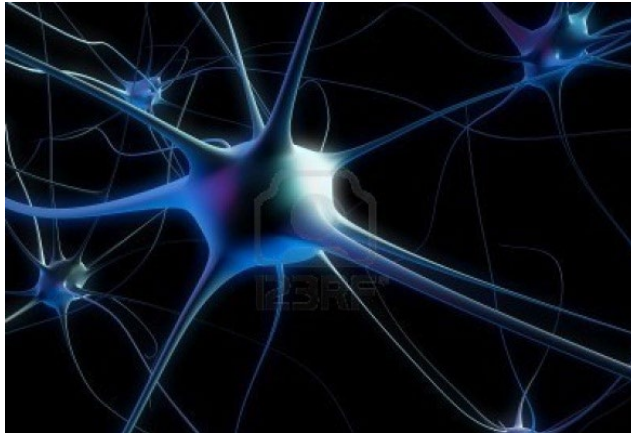
Outline

- Overview of the Programme
- The modules
- The general calendar
- The learning strategy
- Finding information about your MSc
- Support at Queen Mary
- Getting to know you and **welcome** you to Queen Mary!





MSc Psychology: Mental Health Sciences



Interdisciplinary training integrating different approaches to understanding mental health



Programme structure

SEMESTER A				SEMESTER B				SEMESTER C			
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug
Academic Skills in Mental Health Sciences I (15 credits)				Academic Skills in Mental Health Sciences II (15)							
Advanced Research Methods and Statistics (15)				Cognitive Neuroscience (15)							
Mental Health in Context (15)				Social-Environmental Influences on Mental Health (15)							
Developmental Approaches in Mental Health (15)				Psychiatric Genetics and Genomics (15)							
MSc Research Project (60) A focussed piece of research within a research group at QMUL											



PSY711P Academic Skills in
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Semester A

PSY732P Developmental Approaches
in Mental Health (15 credits)

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PSY702P Advanced Research
Methods and Statistics (15 credits)

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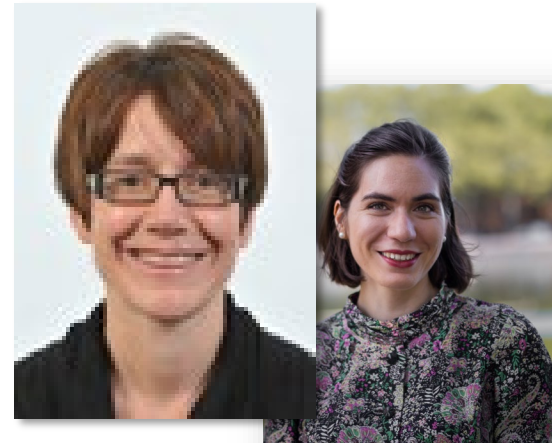


PSY733P Mental Health in Context (15)

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PSY713P Academic Skills in Mental
Health Sciences II (15)

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Semester B



PSY704P Cognitive Neuroscience (15)

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PSY706P Psychiatric Genetics
and Genomics (15)

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PSY705P Social-Environmental
Influences on Mental Health (15)

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PSY700P MSc Research Project (60)

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Research Project - Orientation session
Week 3!



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.
- Sem C will be fully dedicated to completing your project and writing up your dissertation.



Assessment Profile
across modules is
varied:
Each Module
Organiser will explain
details of assessment
for each module –
info will be available
on QMplus

Critical essays

Reports

In class activities

Presentations

Science communication piece

Exam

Dissertation



Assessment calendar



Deadlines are available for the whole year



To help plan your work, we have tried to spread them as possible



Time management is key as there will be busier periods



Assessment calendar is also available on QMPlus, but make sure you check each single module for exact information



Planning your year ahead

- Check the queen Mary Calendar www.qmul.ac.uk/about/calendar/
- Check the **assessment map** on MSc Hub page on QMplus
- Always check the exact deadlines on each module's page on QMplus

This is indicative: do not rely on this document for the deadlines and ALWAYS check each module's page for exact deadlines.

Semester A

Sem A starts on Monday 22nd of September i.e. week 1 is w/c 22nd of September and therefore week 12 is w/c 8th of December

Week	Module Code	Assessment & Weightings
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8	PSY711P	Presentation (formative)
9		
10	PSY702P	Lab report (50 %)
11	PSY711P	Presentation (20%)
12		
	PSY733P PSY711P	Written reflection (Pass or Fail) Literature review (80%)
'Exam week' 1 (January)	PSY732P PSY702P*	Essay (100%) Exam (50%)
'Exam week' 2 (January)	PSY702P* PSY733P	Exam (50%) Essay (100%)

Semester B

Sem B starts on Monday 26th of January i.e. Week 1 is w/c 26th of January

Week	Module Code	Assessment & Weightings
1		
2		
3		
4		
5	PSY713P	CV/cover letter (20%)
6		
7		
8		
9	PSY704P	Short-answer assessment (20%)
10	PSY706P	Video (20%)
11		
12	PSY705P	Lab portfolio (30%)
(13)	PSY705P	Experimental plan (70%)
(14)	PSY713P	Science communication coursework (80%)
'Exam Week' 1 May	PSY704P	Essay (80%)
'Exam Week' 2 May	PSY706P	Essay (80%)

June 2026	PSY700P	Research poster (10%)
August 2026	PSY700P	Dissertation (90%)

3 August - 14 August 2025	Late Summer Resit Period	
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Queen Mary academic year

www.qmul.ac.uk/about/calendar/

Semester 1

- 15 September - 12 December 2025

Sem A taught modules: generally you will attend lectures, complete some assignments and start working on your project

Semester 3 - Examination period for Semester 2 & Year Long Modules

- Study period: 5 May - 6 May 2026
- Examinations: 7 May - 5 June 2026
- Bank holidays: 4 and 25 May 2026

You will hand in some assignments

You will hand in several assignments/have your PSY702P statistics exam

Semester 1 - Examination Period

- Study period: 5 January - 7 January 2026
- Examinations: 8 January - 23 January 2026

Late Summer Resit Period

- 3 August - 14 August 2026

You will take any failed assignments/missed assignments

Semester 2

- 26 January - 17 April 2026
- Bank holidays: 3 and 6 April 2026

Sem B taught modules: generally, you will attend lectures and complete some assignments. You will continue working on your project.

You will work on your dissertation until submission on 14th August 2026





Learning Strategy

Blended Learning

Asynchronous Activity

- In your own time
- Independent study
- Readings
- Pre-recorded content
- Exercises

Synchronous Activity

- Real-time interaction (live sessions)
- Learning of Content or Skills
- Active learning and engagement with lecturers and peers

Learning as a partnership

We want you to be actively involved in creating the best education for you!



We want to hear from you!

Feedback is key for us!

- Provide feedback to your module organiser
- Get in touch with me for feedback or informal chats about what is going well and what can improve
- Use feedback opportunities provided throughout



Course representatives

- You represent the student voice
- You attend meetings with Programme Director

→ Watch out for elections information!!



What is a Course Rep?

<https://www.qmsu.org/yourvoice/rep/coursereps/about/>

Any of you can get in touch with us, for informal chats about what is going well and what can improve



A hand holding a red pen over a blank spiral notebook. The notebook is open, showing a blank white page. The hand is holding the pen in a way that the tip is pointing towards the page. The background is a dark, textured surface.

MSc Learning etiquette

- **Check your QMUL email regularly.** Communications may come via email. Please respond to emails contacting you directly, such as emails from your Academic Advisor.
- If you have longer period of **absence** (more than one week), please let each Module Organiser and programme director know.
- Teaching and admin team are always glad to answer your queries. Do get in touch by email, be aware of our 3-day policy i.e. staff will aim to respond to your email within three working days.
- Always **use your QMUL email** for any communication.

Supporting you





How can you find information about your programme?

- **QMPlus** – a cornucopia of information!
 - Explore the Welcome Week Page
 - Explore the MSc hub page, the Module Pages
- Module Organisers for info on each module
- AskQM for administrative questions
- The academic team, with the programme director and deputy director



QMplus as your 'go to' place:

QMplus: a cornucopia of information!

- Start by exploring carefully the Welcome Week Page
- Explore the **MSc MHS Hub page**
- **SBBS MSc programme Handbook**
- Explore **Module Pages for Sem A**



School of Biological & Behavioural Sciences - MSc Welcome Week

Module Settings Participants Grades Reports More ▾

Module Content

Virtual Helpdesk

Student Wellbeing

Introduction to QMPlus and IT Services

New Students Website and Campus Tours

Library Services

Module Registration

Timetable

Students' Union

Course Rep nominations



MSc academic advisors

You will be assigned to an **Academic Advisor**

The academic advisor is an academic within the Psychology Department, who will help you during your time on the MSc:

- You will meet at least twice per semester
- They are your first point of contact for issues that may arise:
 - Worries about your progress on the course
 - Personal circumstances that affect your studies
 - Not sure who else to ask!
 - Providing references for job applications or for other development opportunities



Mental Health is a Priority



Look after your mental health!

Reach out for support at Queen Mary

- Advice and Counselling Service at QMUL
- Togetherall
- Dyslexia & Disabilities Service at QMUL
- *See welcome week's page and hub page: 'student wellbeing' tab*

Key student support services

SBBS Student Support Officer

Shaheda Batha: get in touch via 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/>


Academic Skills Centre <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/library/academic-skills/>

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


Tools for the journey




Openness of mind to dip in and out of different levels of understanding of mental health



Enthusiasm to dive into the science, in and out of the theory, and reflect on its applications



Curiosity to discover the multi-faceted and complex nature of mental health



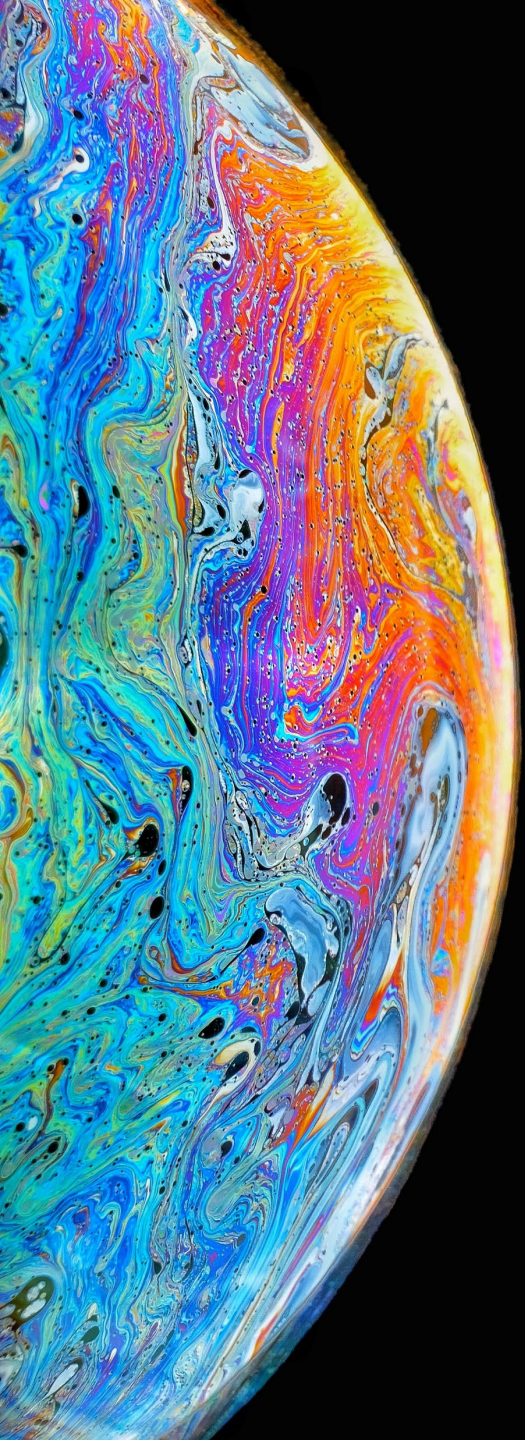
Grit to overcome challenges, that are part of every journey



Yourself!

To contribute to the programme & remember the big picture:
Mental health is about individuals
And it is relevant for everyone





Enjoy your Journey!



Any questions?

On Next:

16:00 – Social! @ **Graduate Centre Foyer**
[Mile End map #18]

