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# Psychology BSc Programme Briefing – Year 2

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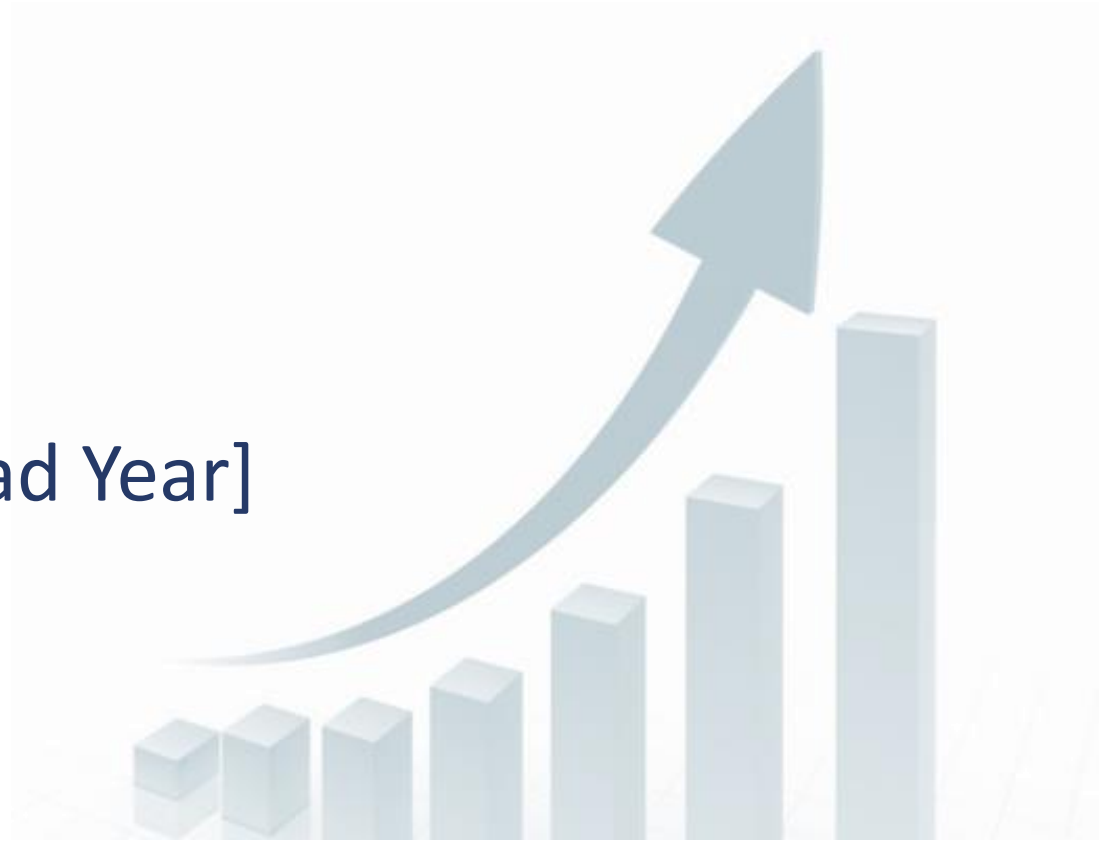
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**What's will your year look like?**

# BSc Psychology

## Structure of the Programme

- First year (10%)
- **Second year (30%)**
  - [Placement or Study Abroad Year]
- Final year (60%)



# Programme Structure – Year 2

## Semester A

- Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics
- Social Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Comparative Psychology

## Semester B

- Qualitative Research Methods
- Developmental Psychology
- Individual Differences
- Psychopathology

# Expectations for year 2

## You have a year of psychology knowledge

Expectations for Year 2 are higher

- Expect you to remember what you learned in Year 1 and *expand on it*
- Expect you to apply the skills you learned in Year 1 and *develop them*
- Expect you to be independent and solve problems



# How will you learn?



## Student-Paced Learning Activities

- Foundation for Group Sessions
- Completed on your own schedule

Examples:

- Videos/Recorded lectures
- Activities
- Reading
- Discussion forums

**\*4 – 8 Hours Per Week/Module**

## Co-curricular Activity

- Activities outside curriculum
  - Help build skills, complement learning
- Examples:
- Psychology Society, Clubs, Sports
  - Peer Mentorship

## Interactive Large Group Sessions

- Timetabled
- Test, progress and stretch your understanding
- Build on student-paced learning activities

Example:

- Weekly interactive lectures
- \*2 Hours Per Week/Per Module**

## Facilitated Sessions

- Timetabled
- Interactive
- Apply knowledge and practice skills
- Build on student-paced learning & group sessions

Examples:

- PSY209 Research Methods & Statistics labs
- Sessions/workshops for PSY600

## Small Active Learning Groups

- Student-led learning
  - Consolidate, test, teach with peers
- Examples:
- Study Groups
  - Group Projects



# How will you learn?

## Learning Activity

## Time Per Week

Independent Learning Activities

5 – 8 h

Large Group Session

2 h

Facilitated Lab/Tutorial Sessions

0 - 2 h

Student Small Activity Groups

varies

Cocurricular Activities

varies

**Total time PER MODULE**

**7 – 12 h**

**X 4 modules**

**28 – 48 h/week**



# How will you learn?

## Student is a Full-Time Job!

- Expect to spend 30-40 h/wk
- Organise your workload
- Plan your time



# In-Person Attendance Required

It is expected that you attend all timetabled lectures & labs **in-person**

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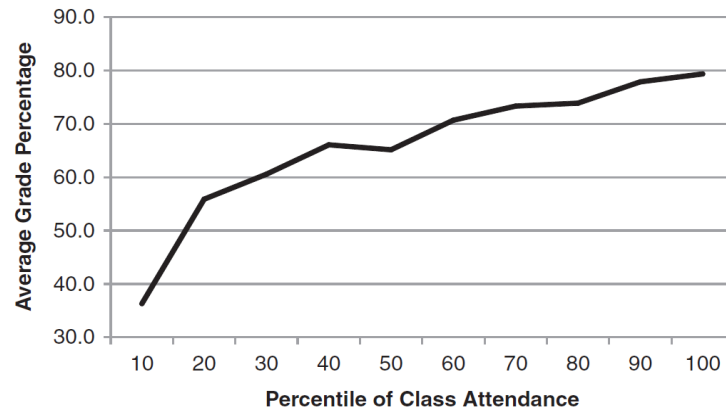


FIGURE 5. Illustration of the curvilinear relationship between attendance and grade outcomes. Data from Gendron and Pieper (2005).

QM Regulations require a minimum of 70% **IN-PERSON** ENGAGEMENT

# In-Person Attendance Required

Please continue to check in at each lecture by scanning your ID card at the entrance in the first 10 minutes of class time

- Records your *engagement* with the module
- Expect to see 70% engagement at minimum, as per QMUL regs
- Please see **SBBS Student Handbook** for consequences for not-engaging in-person

# In-Person Attendance Required

Zoom is an option for \*most\* sessions

- *Exceptions:* labs and sessions in which in-person interaction or group work are essential to the learning outcomes
- **However, Zoom is NOT a replacement for in-person attendance**
  - Lecturer's attention will be on in-person students
  - Zoom will not always work
  - Learning outcomes not achieved as well (Betton & Branston, 2022)



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# Tutorials in Year 2

Small group learning

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## Introducing new Tutorials in Year 2

- Based on student requests for more small-group learning opportunities
- Based on student requests to interact in small groups with academic staff
- **8 1-hour tutorials**
  - 4 in Sem A, timetabled with PSY208 Quantitative Research Methods
  - 4 in Sem B, timetabled with PSY210 Qualitative Research Methods
    - Content NOT directly related to research methods & statistics; designed to meet programme-level goals

# Tutorials in Year 2

## Topic of Tutorials

- Based on student feedback, tutorials will be designed to:
  - **Support assessments**
  - Develop connections with students and staff
  - Learn more about staff careers/research
- **Example Tutorials**
  - Timed Essay Writing (support PSY211 midterm in Week 6)
  - Applying Psychology content to the real world (support essay in PSY215 in Week 12)



# Tutorials in Year 2

## Tutorial Groups

- NOT your academic advisor!
- NOT the same group as last year!
- Rationale?
  - Develop relationship with more staff members
  - Develop relationships with more students

# Tutorials in Year 2

Attendance is **MANDATORY** and will be tracked!

- Key aspect of engagement monitoring for Year 2

There will **NOT** be an online/zoom option for attendance

- Tutorials are designed to be discussion based, interactive
- Learning objectives are not met with hybrid groups online/in person



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**Questions so far...**

# Questions

How to access tutorial resources?

- *There is a QMPlus page for Y2 Tutorials*  
<https://qmplus.qmul.ac.uk/course/info.php?id=26393>)

Should I notify my tutorial leader if I am sick and unable to attend?

- *Yes, please*

Why are tutorials compulsory if they were our choice?

- *All of your taught sessions are compulsory! They are all designed to help you acquire knowledge and build skills to support your learning. If you're here to earn a BSc in psychology, why would you not attend all of sessions of your degree to maximize your likelihood of success?*

# Questions

Are workshops compulsory and different from tutorials?

- *Yes, workshops are compulsory for PSY235 Comparative Psychology. The workshops are designed to help you understand the material and succeed at the Portfolio assessment. Attending them will save you time later when you're completing your coursework for this module.*

What do we do if we're really not confident with stats y1 content?

- *You can access last year's taught content via the QMPlus Archive here: <https://archive.qmplus.qmul.ac.uk/>*
  - *You might consider reviewing the material, reviewing lecture recordings, completing exercises, and seeking support for topics that you're not clear on.*
- *The Library Skills team has statistics drop-in session at the Mile End Library from 2 -4pm every Tuesday and Thursday that may be helpful*
  - *<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/library/academic-skills/accessing-support/library-drop-ins/maths-and-statistics-drop-in-sessions/>*

# Questions

How can I find out more about careers?

- *Please check the “Careers & Work Experience” tab on the Information for Psychology Students QMPlus page here*
  - *<https://qmplus.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=11270#section-3>*
  - *You’ll find Psychology-specific career support, including:*
    - *recent job- and volunteer experience postings*
    - *Information on the Psychology Careers Club*
    - *Information for upcoming sessions to support your employability*
- *Please register for QMUL Careers & Enterprise EACH YEAR*
  - *You can see support available here: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/careers/>*
  - *Please sign up for the Careers Hub, including online jobs board, events programme and appointments here: <https://qmul.targetconnect.net/unauth>*

# Questions

How do we find info on placement years?

- *Please review the Programme Handbook for the Professional Experience on “Careers & Work Experience” tab on the Information for Psychology Students QMPlus page here: <https://qmplus.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=11270>*
- *Please read your email and look for information and events on the Professional Experience programme (i.e., email sent 30/9/24)*
- *Please send questions to Dr Paraskevi Argyriou, the Programme Director for the Professional Experience programme at [p.argyriou@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:p.argyriou@qmul.ac.uk) or [ug-placements-psych@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:ug-placements-psych@qmul.ac.uk)*

# Questions

- What if I have a year abroad but changed my mind?
  - *Please discuss your decision with your Academic Advisor*
  - *If you decide that you no longer want to go abroad, please review the Psychology Programme Handbook (emailed to you and posted on the Information for Psychology Students QMPlus page) for procedures to Change your Programme.*
    - *Note that there are specific dates throughout the year at which you can change your programme; these dates are listed in the Handbook*
    - *Also note that your decision will be final: you cannot change your mind after the change-of-programme has been processed*
  - *You can find information about changing your programme in general at QMUL here: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/registry-services/student-information/my-studies-/changing-your-programme-/>*



# Questions

If you can't attend a lecture in person but can still attend on Zoom, should I inform the lecturer?

- *You don't need to, but you're welcome to out of courtesy*

What job in psychology has the highest salary ceiling?

- *There isn't one correct answer here because Psychology degrees can be a utilized in lots of different careers. Politics, business, tech, research, healthcare, teaching, management, the possibilities are endless! From my personal experience, I have friends who transitioned to jobs in high-paying tech firms, like Facebook and Google, where a background in both research and human behavior is helpful. I also have a friend who started her own very successful market research firm. Possibly the highest paying role that I personally know is a partner in a global HR consulting firm. In short, there are lots of ways that you can apply your psychology knowledge and skills and make a living*

# Questions

## What happens if I need to leave the country during term?

- *Our degree is in-person only; zoom is an option only for emergencies. If you must leave the country for a short period of time, then you could participate in your lectures via zoom. However, you would miss any in-person sessions or assessments. This could make more challenging to do your best work in your degree.*
- *If you must be out of the country for more than a few weeks, please contact Student Support Services at [sbbs-student-support@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:sbbs-student-support@qmul.ac.uk).*



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# Final Exam Format for 24/25

## Year 2 exams

- Online
- Essay exams: 1000 word essay (choose 1 of 2 options)
- 2h writing period, plus extra time to upload to QMPlus
  
- Extra timing *automatically* provided for students registered with DDS who have exam timing accommodations

# Year 2 Essay-Based Exams: SUPPORT

## Y2 Essay based exams:

1. Video recording reviewing Exam Essay Marking Scheme (Wk2)
2. Tutorial on timed essay writing in Week 4
3. Practice timed essay (Wk 9)
  1. 2 hours, plus extra time for students with DDS exam accommodations
4. Workshop reviewing practice timed essay and marking scheme (Wk 9 – 11)

# Final Exams for 24/25

If you have a learning difference, please register with DDS!

<http://www.dds.qmul.ac.uk/>

**If you have already registered with DDS, you DO NOT HAVE TO RE-REGISTER EACH YEAR (unless your learning differences have changed, and you would like an updated plan)**



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**Questions so far...**

# Questions

How many modules have in-person exams?

- *One: PSY208 Quantitative Research Methods & Statistics*

How will the in-person exam work for PSY208?

- *The in-class test will be scheduled in two computer labs simultaneously. It will be scheduled (as best we can) so that it does not conflict with other exams*

For extra time on exams, do we have to register with DDS or email lecturers about it again?

- *DDS accommodations established last year will carry over to this year. New DDS accommodations this year will be added to the module and be accommodated in the exam*

Will we be allowed notes in the stats exam?



# Questions

Will we be allowed notes in the stats exam?

- *Please ask the module organizers for exam-specific questions like this one*

Exam timetable earlier than last year?

- *I'm sorry, the exam timetable is set centrally by QMUL. Exam times are typically released around Week 10.*

Is there a word count for the exams or is it just roughly 1000?

- *The exam wordcount is maximum 1000 words: your MOs will not grade more than 1000 words. Be cautious about writing too much less than 1000 words, though: you want to ensure that you answer the question completely.*

# Questions

Can we please know what we did wrong on exams?

- *Yes, in year two you will receive exam feedback. You will meet with your academic advisor in Sem B to receive your exam feedback, and you can plan out how to apply that feedback with your advisor.*

Will we write our essays on QMPlus or will we do it on a word document for example and upload?

- *You download the exam template as a word document. You will write your answer in the word document, save it, and then upload it to QMPlus*

# Questions

How does the extra time to submit the essay work? How do they know that we're writing compared to submitting?

- *Your exam will comprise a 2-hour writing period and a 30-minute upload period. The extended upload period is designed to account for QMPlus issues, like upload speed. Please note that as a result, issues with QMPlus are not typically a valid reason for an exam to be late. Please ensure to start your upload with plenty of time to complete it, factoring in that QMPlus will be slow due to the volume of simultaneous uploads.*



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# EC Policy 24/25

Please see emails from SBBS Director  
of Education!



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# Information about Careers

# 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 appointments.



## Events

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



## Work Experience Programmes

- QTaster (Employer Visits)- UG only
- QMentoring (Mentoring)-UG only
- Microinternships
- Student Consultancy Project



## 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](http://www.qmul.ac.uk/careers)

# Follow SBBS Careers QM Plus Page for updates!







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# Psychology Academic Advisors

You will meet with your advisor one-on-one several times each year

- You can always ask them for a meeting!

**Your Advisor will reach out via email  
in Weeks 2-3 to set up a meeting with you**

**Please respond and connect with your advisor!**

# Psychology Academic Advisors

## Who is my advisor?

If you've forgotten who your advisor is, they are listed on your MySIS record

## My Advisor has not contacted me/is not responding to my emails?

Please contact your Year Tutor or DTL at [sbbs-psych-dtl@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:sbbs-psych-dtl@qmul.ac.uk)

# Year Tutors & DTL!



**Dr. Lucie Charles**  
Year 2 Tutor  
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**Director of Teaching & Learning**  
**Dr. Stephanie Echols**  
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**Deputy Director of Teaching & Learning**  
**Dr. Gwen Brekelmans**  
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# Reach Out for Support

**SBBS Student Support Team**

**Ms. Shaheda Batha & Team**

**[sbbs-student-support@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:sbbs-student-support@qmul.ac.uk)**

**QMUL Advice and Counselling Service**

**<https://www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk/>**

**QMUL Dyslexia and Disabilities Service**

**<http://www.dds.qmul.ac.uk/>**



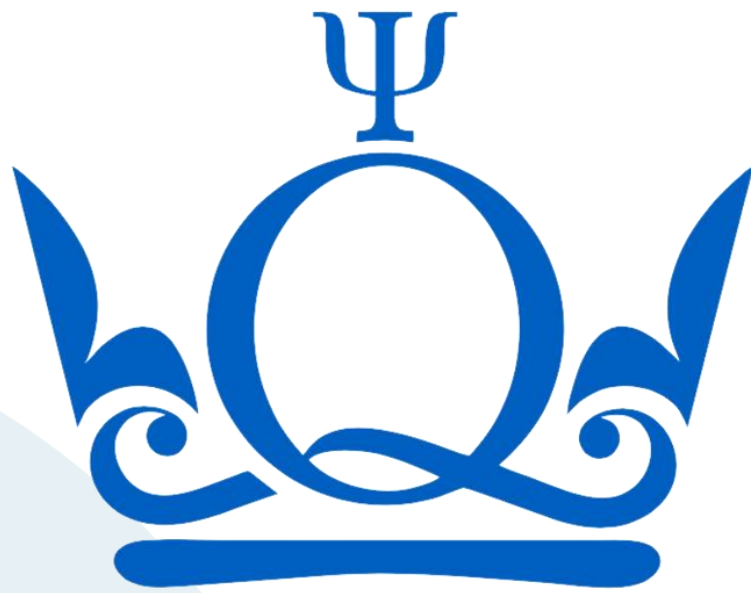
# Our Psychology Community

**~530 Undergraduate Students**

**~100 Post-Graduate Students**

**~35+ Academic & Research Staff**





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SOCIETY

**2024-2025**

# Your Committee



**Aidan**  
President



**Yerim**  
Vice-President



**Andy**  
Treasurer



**Aleksandra**  
Social Media  
Manager



**Nesh**  
Events Manager



**Maryam**  
Charity Officer



**Amina**  
Wellbeing Officer



# Upcoming Events



## September

- Fresher's Fair
- Icebreaker

## October

- Freud Museum Trip (w/KCL)
- Halloween Pumpkin Carving

## November

- Dog Therapy
- Hypnotherapy workshop (w/ BL PsychSoc)

## December

- Christmas-themed Event!

# Thanks for listening!



Scan the QR code for  
all our links

# Get Involved!

## Research Seminar Series

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

## Student Voice Meetings With Year Tutor Lucie Charles

# Question? Who do you ask?

If your question is about a module or module content:

1. Check Qmplus
2. Post to Module Forum
3. Ask your Module Organizer

If your question is about your academic progression, exam marks, overall academic advice, or personal issue:

1. Academic Advisor
2. Year Tutor (Y2: Lucie Charles)

If your question is about our Psychology programme overall

1. Psychology Programme Forum under “Latest News” on *Information for Psychology Students* QMPlus Page
2. Year Tutor
3. Director of Teaching & Learning (Stephanie Echols, [s.echols@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:s.echols@qmul.ac.uk))

# Homework!

Visit QMPlus  
Information for  
Psychology  
Students Page

Read Programme  
Handbook for  
Psychology!

Plan access for  
Psychology  
Reading Lists!

The screenshot shows the QMPlus interface for 'Information for Psychology Students'. The page has a dark blue header with the QMPlus logo, 'All Modules', and 'Help'. A search bar and notification icons are in the top right. A pink sidebar on the left contains navigation icons. The main content area is titled 'Information for Psychology Students' and includes tabs for 'Module', 'Participants', and 'Competencies'. Below these are several filter tabs: 'Key information', 'Student voice - your feedback', 'Advisors and your welfare', 'Psychology Society', 'Learning Resources', 'Careers and Work Experience', 'Third-Year Module Fair', and 'BPS'. The page features expandable sections: 'Staying in touch' (with a 'Collapse all' link) and 'Programme Information'. Under 'Programme Information', there is a paragraph: 'This section contains all the important information you might need about the BSc Psychology.' Below this are four document cards: 'Academic Contacts' (with a sub-description), 'Psychology Programme Handbook 2023-24' (486.8 KB), 'Reading list 2023/2024' (87.9 KB) (with a sub-description), and 'British Psychological Society (BPS) Accreditation'. Three blue arrows point from the text on the left to the 'Information for Psychology Students' title, the 'Psychology Programme Handbook 2023-24' card, and the 'Reading list 2023/2024' card.

# Homework!

Questions about the course?

Post them to the **Psychology Programme Forum!**

QM University of London All Modules Help

Home Calendar

## Information for Psychology Students

Key information Student voice - your feedback Advisors and your welfare Psychology Society Learning Resources

Careers and Work Experience Third-Year Module Fair BPS

Staying in touch Collapse all

You can find various ways of getting in touch with Psychology staff in this section. Feel free to use the forums provided for any questions you have!

**Psychology Programme Forum**

If you have any questions about the Psychology program, issues that you want to raise, or celebrations that you want to share, please do so here, on our group Psychology Programme Forum.

If someone raises an issue/question that you also have, please respond to the post to share your point of view.

If you have an answer, please also share!

This forum will be checked regularly by the Director Of Teaching & Learning, who will also provide answers and information to issues raised.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts!

**Psych Marketplace and Idea Exchange**

This is a forum where anyone in psychology can ask questions about the programme, share job tips or sell items like unwanted textbooks.

**Announcements**

Programme Information

This section contains all the important information you might need about the BSc Psychology.

A word cloud of the word "Welcome" in various languages and scripts, including: Degemer, Ongietorri, Akwaba, Dobrodošli, Üdvözlet, Welkomma, Yokoso, Accogliere, Nau Mai, Bem-vindo, Willkommen, Haere Mai, Salve, Benvido, Toivottaa, Swaagat, Vitejte, Bonavinuta, Tervetuloa, Acchoje, Velkomin, Huan Ying, Bi xêr hatî, Nayak, Chào mừng, Vitajte, Hosgeldiniz, Benvignùo, Fáiilte, Swagata, Benvenuto, Welkom, Namaste, Witàaj, Bun venit, Aloha, and Bienvenüe.



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