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UCAS Code:
C890

BSc(Hons)
Forensic Psychology

UNDERGRADUATE
COURSE INFORMATION

Key Facts

Faculty of Sciences

Location:
Stoke Campus

Duration:
3 years full-time

Entry requirements:
Typical offer: 280 UCAS points.
A levels: BBC.
All applicants are individually assessed.
Detailed entry requirements can be found on each of our online course pages or by visiting www.staffs.ac.uk/ugentryrequirements

Accredited by: the BPS (British Psychological Society).

At-a-glance

Forensic Psychology is concerned with understanding human behaviour and its underlying thoughts, feelings and motivations, with particular reference to criminal behaviour. It enables you to begin to understand psychological perspectives on the nature of criminality and the investigation of crime and to consider the roles of forensic science and psychology in the criminal justice system. Many of the graduates of this British Psychological Society accredited degree have been very successful after completing this course. They pursue careers in the Police, the Probation Service, Prison Service or Home Office. A number have become professional psychologists in the area of forensic psychology.

In Years 1 and 2, you study core elements in psychology, including social psychology, research methods, cognitive psychology, biological psychology and individual differences. You will also follow forensic modules such as Crime Scene Investigation, Methods of Crime Detection and specialist psychology modules such as The Psychology of Criminal Conduct.

In Year 3, you extend your study of core psychology modules in Developmental Psychology, Dealing with Difference, Psychology in the Justice System and Forensic Psychology Applications, along with forensic modules in Practical Methods of Crime Detection. You can choose to look at a range of applied areas such as Counselling, the Psychology of Drugs, and Forensic Science in the Legal System. You will also undertake a substantial piece of research in the form of an empirical dissertation during your third year, where you have the opportunity to contribute your own findings to existing research and theory in forensic psychology.

Course Outline

Year 1

Core modules:

- Exploring Psychology
- Research Methods
- Crime Scene Investigation
- People Behaving Badly – the Psychology of Social Issues

Option modules include:

- Comparative Psychology
 - Introduction to Counselling
 - Recording the Crime Scene
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Year 2

- Social Psychology
- Research Methods
- Forensic Science: Methods of Crime Detection
- Cognitive Psychology
- Psychology of Criminal Conduct
- Biological Bases of Behaviour

Option modules include:

- Psychopathology and Health
 - Forensic Histories
 - Drugs of Abuse
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Year 3

- Psychology Project
- Developmental Psychology
- Psychology in the Justice System
- Dealing with Difference
- Forensic Psychology Applications

Option modules include:

- Practical Methods of Crime Detection
 - Psychological Interventions
 - Psychology of Drugs
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