

**BSc JOINT HONOURS WITH  
PSYCHOLOGY**

**Registering For Level 5  
(Level 2) Psychology Modules**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

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## BSc Joint Honours with Psychology Awards Choosing Level 5 Modules

This booklet is designed to give you information about:

- Level 5 (Year 2) modules and award structure
- What you have to do to register for Level 5 modules.

It will explain the modules you have to study and what choices you have. Core modules are compulsory. You have choices with Options but have to take a minimum number. You have to study 120 credits, in total, at Level 5. Unless stated otherwise, all modules are 15 credits.

This booklet contains:-

- the structures of the BSc Joint Honours Psychology award including 'Graduate Basis for Chartership' (GBC) which is the pattern of essential modules required by the British Psychological Society (BPS) for postgraduate study in Psychology.
- Details of how you register on modules.
- Information about the modules available. The descriptors for each module will tell you about any preconditions for studying, like pre-requisites (what you need to have studied before Year 2).
- Information about pre-requisites for the Level 6 modules we expect to be available to you, so you can ensure you have the necessary pre-requisites. (Please note there may be unavoidable changes).

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## BSc Joint Honours with Psychology Award Structure and GBC

All Psychology Awards (singles and joints) where you study a minimum of 50% psychology at Levels 5 and 6 (i.e. 60 credits at each level), are accredited with the British Psychological Society (BPS) and allow you to apply for **Graduate Membership** of the Society.

If you achieve at least a Grade point 7 overall at the end of your award (2:2 classification) you can also claim a second level of recognition with the BPS, **Graduate Basis for Chartership (GBC)**. This means you have been recognised as doing an award that confers eligibility to begin to pursue a career in psychology, including applying for BPS recognised postgraduate courses in psychology. (You must have followed the prescribed pattern of modules consisting of 60 credits of Psychology at both levels 5 and 6).

If you wish to follow a major or minor route from Level 5 onwards you must fill in an award transfer form to come off the Joint Honours route. Your level 5 tutors will have these forms available at enrolment.

### Summary of Psychology modules you must study at Level 5 (all 15 credits unless stated otherwise)

**MAJOR HONOURS (GBC route)** 60 credits Psychology minimum  
[This means you will graduate in 'Psychology with X']

**Level 5: Core modules**

Social Psychology: Theory & Method  
Research Methods 3  
Biological Bases of Behaviour  
Cognitive Psychology

+ 30 specific credits in your joint subject  
+ 30 general credits (Psychology/joint subject or university general options).

**JOINT HONOURS** 45 credits Psychology minimum.  
[This means you will graduate in 'Psychology and X']

**Level 5: Core modules**

Cognitive Psychology  
Social Psychology: Theory & Method

+ 15 specific credits in Psychology  
+ 45 specific credits in your other subject  
+ 30 general credits (Psychology/other subject or university general options)

**MINOR HONOURS** 30 credits Psychology minimum.  
[This means you will graduate in 'X with Psychology']

**Level 5: Core modules**

Social Psychology: Theory & Method  
Cognitive Psychology

You need only take these two core modules in Psychology  
+ 60 specific credits in your other subject  
+ 30 general credits (Psychology/other joint subject or university general options)

**You must take 120 credits in total at Level 5 and a further 120 at Level 6.**

Simply put, you can choose to stay as a joint honours student, or you can transfer at module enrolment to a Major or Minor route.

If you are seeking GBC status (not possible as a minor in Psychology) you have to do Research Methods 3 and Biological Bases of Behaviour in addition to Cognitive Psychology and Social Psychology. In your 3<sup>rd</sup> year you will have to do a Psychology Project and achieve at least a 2:2 in your degree.

**BSc Psychology Joint Honours  
Major Route – GBC accredited**

**Level 5 Structure – All modules are 15 credits –  
You must study 120 credits at each level**

<b>Core Modules (60 credits)</b>	<b>Specific Options (30 credits)</b>	<b>General Option (30 credits)</b>
<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p>Social Psychology: Theory &amp; Method Research Methods 3</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p>Subject Area B Specific Options</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p><b>Psychology Specific Option:</b> Manage Your Career Psychopathology and Health Volunteering: Action and Experience 2 Children in Context The Psychology of Social Perception and Communication</p> <p><b>Or Subject B Specific Option Or University General Option</b></p>
<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p>Cognitive Psychology Biological Bases of Behaviour</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p>Subject Area B Specific Options</p> <p>ALL students must take at least 30 credits of <b>Subject B Specific Options</b></p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p><b>Psychology Specific Option:</b> Developmental Psychopathology Psychology of Criminal Conduct Volunteering: Action and Experience 2 Understanding Relationships</p> <p><b>Or Subject B Specific Option Or University General Option</b></p>

**BSc PSYCHOLOGY Joint Honours  
Major Route – GBC accredited**

**Level 6 Structure – All modules are 15 credits –  
You must study 120 credits at each level**

<b>Core Modules (60 credits)</b>	<b>Specific Options (30 credits)</b>	<b>General Option (30 credits)</b>
<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p>Developmental Psychology Psychology Project (30 credits)</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p>Subject Area B Specific Options</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p><b>Psychology Specific Option:</b> Psychology in the Justice System Evolution and Psychology Advanced Research Methods Autistic Spectrum Conditions Psychological Interventions</p> <p><b>Or Subject B Specific Option Or University General Option</b></p>
<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p>Dealing with Difference Psychology Project (Contd)</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p>Subject Area B Specific Options</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p><b>Psychology Specific Option:</b> Children and Pictures Health Psychology Families in Context</p> <p><b>Or Subject B Specific Option Or University General Option</b></p>

**BSc PSYCHOLOGY Joint Honours  
(Non GBC accredited)**

**Level 5 Structure – All modules are 15 credits –  
You must study 120 credits at each level**

<b>Core Modules (30 credits)</b>	<b>Specific Options (60 credits)</b>	<b>General Option (30 credits)</b>
<u><i>Teaching Block 1</i></u>	<u><i>Teaching Block 1</i></u>	<u><i>Teaching Block 1</i></u>
Social Psychology: Theory & Method	Children in Context Manage Your Career Psychopathology and Health Volunteering: Action and Experience 2 Research Methods 3 The Psychology of Social Perception and Communication  Subject Area B Specific Options	Psychology Specific Option: Or Subject B Specific Option Or University General Option
<u><i>Teaching Block 2</i></u>	<u><i>Teaching Block 2</i></u>	<u><i>Teaching Block 2</i></u>
Cognitive Psychology	Biological Bases of Behaviour Developmental Psychopathology Psychology of Criminal Conduct Volunteering: Action and Experience 2 Understanding Relationships  Subject Area B Specific Options	Psychology Specific Option:  Or Subject B Specific Option Or University General Option

**ALL students must take at least 15 credits of Psychology Specific Options  
and at least 45 credits of Subject B Specific Options**

**BSc PSYCHOLOGY Joint Honours  
(Non GBC accredited)  
Level 6 Structure – All modules are 15 credits –  
You must study 120 credits at each level**

Core Modules (30 credits)	Specific Options (60 credits)	General Option (30 credits)
<u>Teaching Block 1</u>	<u>Teaching Block 1</u>	<u>Teaching Block 1</u>
Developmental Psychology	Psychology in the Justice System Evolution and Psychology Advanced Research Methods Autistic Spectrum Conditions Psychological Interventions Psychology Project (30 credits)  Or Subject Area B Specific Options	Psychology Specific Option: Or Subject B Specific Option Or University General Option
<u>Teaching Block 2</u>	<u>Teaching Block 2</u>	<u>Teaching Block 2</u>
Dealing with Difference	Children and Pictures Health Psychology Families in Context Psychology Project (Contd)  Or Subject Area B Specific Options	Psychology Specific Option: Or Subject B Specific Option Or University General Option

**All students must take at least 15 credits of Psychology Specific Options  
and at least 45 Credits of Subject B Specific Options**

**BSc PSYCHOLOGY Joint Honours  
Minor Route**

**Level 5 Structure – All modules are 15 credits –  
You must study 120 credits at each level**

Core Modules (30 credits)	Specific Options (60 credits)	General Option (30 credits)
<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p>Social Psychology: Theory &amp; Method</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p>Subject Area B Specific Options</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p><i>Psychology Specific Option:</i>            Children in Context            Manage Your Career            Psychopathology and Health            Volunteering: Action and Experience 2            Research Methods 3            The Psychology of Social Perception and Communication</p> <p>Or Subject B Specific Option            Or University General Option</p>
<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p>Cognitive Psychology</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p>Subject Area B Specific Options</p> <p><b>ALL students must take at least 60 credits of Subject B Specific Options</b></p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p><i>Psychology Specific Option:</i>            Biological Bases of Behaviour            Developmental Psychopathology            Psychology of Criminal Conduct            Volunteering: Action and Experience 2            Understanding Relationships</p> <p>Or Subject B Specific Option            Or University General Option</p>

**BSc PSYCHOLOGY Joint Honours  
Minor Route**

**Level 6 Structure – All modules are 15 credits –  
You must study 120 credits at each level**

<b>Core Modules (30 credits)</b>	<b>Specific Options (60 credits)</b>	<b>General Option (30 credits)</b>
<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p>Developmental Psychology</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p>Subject Area B Specific Options</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p><i>Psychology Specific Option:</i> Psychology in the Justice System Evolution and Psychology Advanced Research Methods Autistic Spectrum Conditions Psychological Interventions Or Subject B Specific Option Or University General Option</p>
<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p>Dealing with Difference</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p>Subject Area B Specific Options</p> <p><b>All students must take 60 Credits of Subject B Specific Options</b></p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p><i>Psychology Specific Option:</i> Children and Pictures Health Psychology Families in Context</p> <p>Or Subject B Specific Option Or University General Option</p>

The Third year model given here may change. Options do not necessarily run each year.

## PSYCHOLOGY MODULES

A summary of each Psychology module, including indicative content, learning strategies and assessment details, can be found on the module registration webpage at

<http://www.staffs.ac.uk/schools/sciences/psychology/coursematerials/options/level2/index.php>

To access module descriptors for all available modules go to <http://www.staffs.ac.uk/current/student/modules/>

There are **several important prerequisites** for studying modules in level 6. These are summarised below in the table below:

Level 6 module	Level 5 modules which must be passed in advance
Psychology Project	Social Psychology: Theory & Method <b>AND</b> Research Methods 3

## ADVICE ON MODULE SELECTION

You can ask your personal tutors as well as the Level 5 tutor (Emily Buckley: Room S221) for advice on your choices.

Remember you must take 120 credits in all at Level 5.

There will be a chance to amend your choices later if you find you have made a mistake, have changed your mind or find a timetable clash. Occasionally there are changes to the precise form of assessment. You should always check the specific details when you start the module.

**N.B.** If you decide to change modules subsequent to module registration you must complete a module amendment form, which you can collect from the Sciences Reception in the ground floor of the Mellor Building. You must ensure that any module changes form the correct module combination for your award.

**Check the Level 4 Psychology Notice Board for announcements related to Module Registration for changes that may occur.**

## UNIVERSITY GENERAL OPTIONS

Students studying for joint honours may study for 30 credits in disciplines other than Psychology or your other subject area by taking University General Options. Descriptions of the modules available will be available on the **University Website** prior to Module Registration week. The University General Option lists are still being finalised, and you will find modules on a range of subjects such as I.T. and business. You will need to check that you meet any conditions, such as pre-requisites, for studying any modules outside of your subject areas. You will also have to check that they don't clash with your core lectures. It is a good idea to find out more from a tutor involved in the module.

If you would rather take additional modules from the award specific option group(s) attached to your award, rather than University General Options, you are free to do so in any year, but they will be labelled as your general credits.

## Arrangements for module registration 2011

The first part of enrolment onto Level 5 (Year 2) Psychology Modules (with the exception of Manage Your Career and Volunteering<sup>1</sup> modules) will take place in **S207, Psychology, 2nd Floor Mellor Building on Wednesday 30th March 2011**, between **1.30pm and 3.30pm**. You will be able to sign up for your Psychology lectures and seminars for next year at that time.

### **Preparing for Module Registration**

Before coming along for Module Registration please take a look at the module enrolment form in the Appendix.

- You must enrol onto all core modules specified for your award (on page 4), and choose the appropriate number of options to make up the 120 credits required at level 5.
- Check the day and time of Lectures and Seminars for each module on your list.
- Ensure that there are **no clashes** between your modules for both Lectures and Seminars. You cannot do an Option that clashes with any of your Core Lectures.<sup>2</sup>
- Choose at least 2 possible seminar times for each module – as you may not always get your first choice.
- Fill in the **Timetable** at the back of this Booklet (preferably in pencil) to ensure that you have no clashes
- Indicate your choice of **Major, Joint or Minor** route on your module registration form.
- Take your Module Registration Form and Timetable to S207 on March 30<sup>th</sup> 2011
- Once you have signed up for a module, note on your timetable which slots you have confirmed, and keep your timetable in a safe place – it is not an easy task to find out your seminar times at a later date.

You will have to find out the details of Module Registration in your other subject area, from that faculty/ field.

### **KEEP CHECKING THE LEVEL 4 PSYCHOLOGY NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE SPECIFIC & NEW INFORMATION**

If you plan to study a **University General Option** in another subject area, you will have to find out from the relevant faculty/field offering it how you enrol and when the lectures and seminars are. This information is usually available online via the University's homepage.

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<sup>1</sup> Enrolment for Volunteering will be in Flaxman

<sup>2</sup> Sometimes you may not know of clashes but you should be able to sort these out later

## How your degree classification is calculated

Your grades at Level 5 contribute to your final degree classification, and so we thought it would be useful to include information here on how degree classifications are calculated.

Having checked that you have passed all the modules and satisfied all the requirements of your award the **Award Board will consider your overall score in Level 5 and 6 modules.**

This overall score will be determined by taking into account **all your Level 5 module results** and giving them a **30% weighting**, and **all your Level 6 module results** and giving them a **70% weighting**. **You must ensure that you have completed at least the minimum number of specific credits required for your award.** Any Additional modules you have taken must be recorded as "Additional" rather than Core, Specific Option or General Option modules. This must be done at the point of module enrolment - it cannot be done once you have completed the module. You should note that additional modules will not be taken into account when determining your degree classification. You should read the sections on Module Enrolment and Student Workload very carefully for more details on this issue.

In order to ensure equity for students who have studied different numbers of credits at each of Levels 5 and 6, the **Award Board will calculate the average grade point achieved per 15 credits at each of Levels 5 and 6.** This figure will then be used in calculating honours classification.

Where compensation is awarded by a Level 6 Award Board (to either Level 5 or Level 6 modules) the original Grade Point achieved will contribute to the overall score.

In summary then:

**Overall Score = 30% of average grade points per 15 credits at Level 5 + 70% of average grade points per 15 credits at Level 6.**

## Appendix 1: Sample Module Enrolment form

**STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY**  
 Faculty of Sciences  
 Psychology and Mental Health



MODULE REGISTRATION FORM 2011-12

**AWARD: BSc Joint Honours Psychology (MAJOR, GBR ACCREDITED) &**

(Please complete with relevant award title)

LEVEL: FIVE (INTERMEDIATE)

Please complete the following details (in black or blue biro)

FAMILY NAME	
FORENAMES	
REGISTRATION NUMBER	
YEAR OF ENTRY	MOBILE PHONE NO:

Core modules for which you will automatically be registered

Teaching Block 1

Teaching Block 2

SCS85220-5	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY; THEORY & METHOD	v	SHS85200-5	COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY	v
SHS85203-5	RESEARCH METHODS 3	v	SHS85202-5	BIOLOGICAL BASES OF BEHAVIOUR	v

Subject Area B Specific Options (30 Credits) - you must take 30 credits of Subject B Specific Options

Teaching Block 1

Teaching Block 2


General Options (30 credits) (either Psychology specific options from the list below, Subject Area B specific Options, or University general options) write your choice in the box below

Teaching Block 1

Teaching Block 2

Code	Title		Code	Title	
AI00089-5	MANAGE YOUR CAREER		AM25412-5	VOLUNTEERING: ACTION & EXPERIENCE 2	
AM25412-5	VOLUNTEERING: ACTION & EXPERIENCE 2		SCS85212-5	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	
SCS85213-5	THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SOCIAL PERCEPTION & COMMUNICATION		SHS85205-5	UNDERSTANDING RELATIONSHIPS	
SHS85204-5	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY & HEALTH		SHS85208-5	PSYCHOLOGY OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT	
SHS85210-5	CHILDREN IN CONTEXT				

I understand that I shall be entered for assessment in these modules only, unless I amend my programme of studies with the consent of my Award Tutor

Signature ..... Date.....

Signature of Tutor.....

N.B. If you change modules subsequent to module registration you must complete a module amendment form, which you can collect from the Sciences Reception on the ground floor of the Mellor Building. You must ensure that any module changes form the correct module combination for your award.

Please retain a copy of this form for your records and return the top copy to the Sciences Reception, Mellor Building by no later than Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

Appendix 2: Blank Timetable

NAME: ..... AWARD: .....

SEMESTER ONE

Day	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6
MON										
TUE										
WED										
THU										
FRI										

SEMESTER TWO

Day	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6
MON										
TUE										
WED										
THU										
FRI										

## Appendix 3: Changing Modules

### CHANGING MODULES

1. You are expected to keep a record of the modules you have chosen in each Semester, including seminar slots. A Timetable is attached for this purpose.
2. You cannot change modules without getting a tutor to sign your Module amendment sheet.
3. Once your tutor has signed the module amendment sheet you **must** hand it in to the **Psychology Admin Staff** (via Reception, Mellor Ground Floor). All changes must be recorded by the Psychology secretary otherwise you will not be registered for that module on the University system and this will affect assessments for that module.
4. Often changing a module means you have to choose a seminar slot for that module, this must be done through the Psychology Secretary. You can also contact the office by emailing [psychadmin@staffs.ac.uk](mailto:psychadmin@staffs.ac.uk) or by calling extension 4475 (01782 294475 from outside the university).

### CHANGING SEMINAR TIMES

Whenever possible we will try and accommodate people with a genuine need, but in general, you are advised not to change Seminar times unless absolutely necessary. Please choose your modules and seminar slots carefully to avoid unnecessary problems later on.

**You must keep a record of the Lecture and Seminar times for your chosen modules** as you will need these in **SEPTEMBER** at the start of Level 5.

If you do need to change your seminar times you must:

1. Discuss your needs with the **Level Tutor or Psychology Admin Staff** and provide evidence why you need to change seminar times
2. Do this **within the first 2 weeks of the semester**.
3. **Notify your MODULE Tutor** that you will be changing seminar slots and let them know which slot you have changed from and to.
4. Make sure your name is on the Seminar List for the slot you have changed to – you will need to see the Psychology Secretary to do this.

**NB – It may not always be possible to change your Seminar times because:**

1. Most Seminars have an upper limit of the number of people in the group (normally 20-25) but this varies across modules.
2. Some seminars (e.g. Research Methods, Social Psychology: Theory & Method) can only accommodate a set number of people.