

**BSc PSYCHOLOGY & CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT**

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

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

**March 2011**

# BSc Psychology & Child Development Award Choosing Level 5 (Year 2) Modules

This booklet is designed to give you information about:

- Level 5 modules and award structures
- What you have to do to register for Level 5 modules

This booklet contains:-

- The structures of the BSc Psychology & Child Development 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.
- Information about pre-requisites for Level 6 (year 3) modules, so you can ensure you register for any necessary modules at level 5\*.

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\* NB: Please note there may be unavoidable changes.

## Graduate Membership of the BPS and GBC

All psychology awards (singles and joints) where you study a minimum of 50% Psychology at levels 5 and 6 are accredited with the British Psychological Society (BPS) and allow you to apply for Graduate Membership of the Society.

If you follow a prescribed pattern of modules at levels 5 and 6 (detailed on the next page) and you achieve at least a grade point 7 overall on your award at level 6 (2:2 classification) you can 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.

For Psychology & Child Development students, **Graduate Basis for Chartership (GBC)**, **does not** automatically follow from studying the core content of Levels 5 and 6. You will need to take the other specified Psychology modules (see page 4 for details).

## **BSc Psychology & Child Development Award**

You must take 120 credits in total at Level 5 and a further 120 at Level 6. You have 60 credits of Core modules. You then have a further 60 credits of options; 45 of these must be Award Specific (15 from Child Development, 15 from psychology, and a further 15 from either Child Development/psychology) and the final 15 can be either specific or general options.

**\*\*If you follow the GBC route you MUST choose Research Methods 3 and Biological Basis of Behaviour as your specific options\*\***

### **PSYCHOLOGY AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (GBC route\*)**

#### **Level 5: Core modules**

Social Psychology: Theory & Method  
Children in Context  
Cognitive Psychology  
Developmental Psychopathology

\*You must use 30 credits of your 45 Specific Options for Research Methods 3 and Biological Bases of Behaviour.\*

You can choose an additional 15 General Option Credits from the Psychology Specific Option list or University General Option list.

### **PSYCHOLOGY AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (not conferring GBC eligibility)**

#### **Level 5: Core modules**

Social Psychology: Theory & Method  
Children in Context  
Cognitive Psychology  
Developmental Psychopathology

+ 45 credits from Psychology Specific Options  
+ 15 from Psychology Specific Options or University General List.

## BSc (Hons) Psychology and Child Development Structure

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

Core Modules (60 credits)	Specific Options (45 credits)	General Option (15 credits)
<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p>Social Psychology; Theory and Method</p> <p>Children in Context</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p>Manage Your Career</p> <p>Psychopathology and Health</p> <p>Volunteering: Action and Experience 2</p> <p>Research Methods 3<sup>^</sup></p> <p>The Psychology of Social Perception and Comm.</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p>Psychology Specific Option, Or University General Option</p>
<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p>Cognitive Psychology</p> <p>Developmental Psychopathology</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p>Psychology of Criminal Conduct</p> <p>Volunteering: Action and Experience 2</p> <p>Understanding Relationships</p> <p>Biological Bases of Behaviour<sup>^</sup></p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p>Psychology Specific Option, Or University General Option</p>

<sup>^</sup> Students seeking GBC Accreditation MUST choose Research Methods 3 and Biological Bases of Behaviour

Level 6 Structure – All modules are 15 credits (except where indicated) – You must study 120 credits at each level

Core Modules (60 credits)	Specific Options (45 credits)	General Option (15 credits)
<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p>Developmental Psychology</p> <p>Issues in Infancy</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p>Psychology in the Justice System</p> <p>Advanced Research Methods 1</p> <p>Autistic Spectrum Conditions</p> <p>Psychology Project (30)<sup>^</sup></p> <p>Psychological Interventions</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 1</u></p> <p>Psychology Specific Option Or University General Option</p>
<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p>Dealing with Difference</p> <p>From Theory to Practice</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p>Children and Pictures</p> <p>Families in Context</p> <p>Psychology Project (cont)</p>	<p><u>Teaching Block 2</u></p> <p>Psychology Specific Option Or University General Option</p>

<sup>^</sup> Students seeking GBC Accreditation MUST choose Project

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

## PSYCHOLOGY MODULES

A summary of each 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 <u>AND</u> Research Methods 3

### ADVICE ON MODULE SELECTION

Remember you must take **120 credits overall** at Level 5.

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

#### **NB**

There will be a chance to amend your choices later if you 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.

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

## UNIVERSITY GENERAL OPTIONS

At all levels, you may study for 15 credits in disciplines other than Psychology through 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., business and languages. You will need to check that you meet any conditions, such as pre-requisites, for studying any modules outside of Psychology. You will also have to check that modules don't clash with any Psychology core lectures. It is a good idea to find out more from a tutor involved in the module.

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

## **Arrangements for module registration 2011**

Module enrolment onto Level 5 Psychology Modules will take place **on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011, between 1.30pm and 3.30pm in S207, 2nd Floor Mellor.** 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.

- We have listed all your CORES and OPTIONS. You must enrol onto all core modules specified, and choose a further two options.
- Then, 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>1</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
- 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.

### **KEEP CHECKING THE LEVEL 4 PSYCHOLOGY NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE SPECIFIC AND 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> 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 Registration Form

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



MODULE REGISTRATION FORM 2010-11  
 AWARD: BSc Honours Psychology and Child Development 09C82000  
 LEVEL: FIVE (INTERMEDIATE)

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

FAMILY NAME	
FORENAMES	
REGISTRATION NUMBER	
YEAR OF ENTRY	MOBILE T'PHONE NO:

Core modules for which you will automatically be registered

Teaching Block 1

Teaching Block 2

SCS85220-5	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY; THEORY AND METHODS	<input type="checkbox"/>	SHS85200-5	COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY	<input type="checkbox"/>
SHS85210-5	CHILDREN IN CONTEXT	<input type="checkbox"/>	SCS85212-5	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please choose THREE specific options (45 Credits) (please tick THREE) ? STUDENTS SEEKING GBR ACCREDITATION MUST CHOOSE RESEARCH METHODS 3 AND BIOLOGICAL BASES OF BEHAVIOUR

Teaching Block 1

Teaching Block 2

AI00089-5	MANAGE YOUR CAREER		AM25412-5	VOLUNTEERING: ACTION & EXPERIENCE 2	
AM25412-5	VOLUNTEERING: ACTION & EXPERIENCE 2		SHS85202-5	BIOLOGICAL BASES OF BEHAVIOUR ?	
SCS85213-5	THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SOCIAL PERCEPTION & COMMUNICATION		SHS85205-5	UNDERSTANDING RELATIONSHIPS	
SHS85203-5	RESEARCH METHODS 3 ?		SHS85208-5	PSYCHOLOGY OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT	
SHS85204-5	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY & HEALTH				

Please choose ONE general option (15 credit) (either a University general option or another Psychology specific option from the list above) and write your choice in the box below

Teaching Block 1

Teaching Block 2

Code	Title		Code	Title	

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> March 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 Admin Staff 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 Admin Staff. 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 Tutors 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 Admin Staff to do this.

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

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