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# WELCOME TO PSYCHOLOGY

From studying the criminal mind to understanding how children develop, so much revolves around psychology.

As a psychologist in training, you'll have access to our fantastic facilities, exciting work placement opportunities and even research assistantships. You could soon be delving into key questions, such as why does nature make us happier or what is the psychology behind social movements?

We offer four different degree paths – Psychology; Psychology and Counselling; Psychology and Child Development; and Forensic and Criminological Psychology. Although some core modules are the same, you can specialise in your area of interest.

For the Psychology course, you'll cover a broad sweep of disciplines, including clinical, health and cognitive psychology. You can also explore contemporary issues, with topics as diverse as conspiracy theories and cyber-bullying.

You'll learn in our £30m Science Centre, which includes virtual reality and simulation machines. We also have a children's lab, where you can discover our work with volunteer families on research projects.

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PSYCHOLOGY  
COURSES



Science Centre



Eye Tracking Lab



EEG Lab



HSS Control Room

# WHY CHOOSE **STAFFORDSHIRE** UNIVERSITY?

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IN PSYCHOLOGY

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**£30m SCIENCE CENTRE**

**ACCREDITED BY THE  
BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**EMPLOYABILITY INITIATIVES**

**TOP 25**  
UNIVERSITY FOR  
PSYCHOLOGY

Guardian League Tables 2023

**WORK  
ON LIVE  
RESEARCH**

**DEVELOP  
TRANSFERABLE SKILLS**





## WHY CHOOSE STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY?

**Our School of Health, Science and Wellbeing is leading the way in providing innovative teaching to students.**

It means you get plenty of hands-on experiences, practising your skills in a safe environment before going into a real workplace.

Facilities include simulation suites which can be transformed into different settings, such as a hospital ward or community house.

Through VR technology you can also become immersed in topics.

We have placed digital innovation and hyper-personalised support at the heart of the student learning experience.

In our psychology laboratories, the high-quality equipment includes eye-tracking software, temperature-induced pain stimuli and a driving simulator. We also have a children's lab, where we carry out research projects with volunteer families.

Our School oversees a wide range of academic disciplines, including sport and exercise, life sciences, nursing, and social work. No matter which course you study with us, our career-focused approach means you'll graduate with more than just a degree.

We offer guaranteed work placements and great industry exposure. We also help you to develop an entrepreneurial mindset.

In psychology, placements have included gaining experience as a mental health support worker, study support worker in a school, and working with the charity Mind.

Students have also completed research assistantships, where they've worked on live research alongside our academic experts.

Our vision is to create graduates who are innovators, ready to seize opportunities and to thrive in their chosen fields in Staffordshire, the UK and the world.



Driving Simulator

WATCH A  
VIDEO TOUR



# FACILITIES

## £30M SCIENCE CENTRE

Our £30m Science Centre is a hive of exploration, discovery and eureka moments. It contains specialist labs that delve into all areas of psychology. Here you'll practice and refine your practitioner skills, preparing you for a career when you graduate.

## SIMULATION FACILITIES

Through a combination of equipment and software, we can realistically recreate environments and conditions that would not be safe or possible to create in real life. By immersing you in a controlled environment we give you the chance to practice your skills and test hypotheses safely.

## HUMAN SCIENCES SUITE (HSS)

The Human Sciences Suite hosts a collection of adjoining research laboratories dedicated to psychophysiological research on human participants. This suite includes our EEG, pain, cardiovascular and clinical biochemistry labs. The suite also plays host to a full range of experimental based software for experimental design, build, acquisition and analysis.

## OBSERVATION AND COGNITIVE SUITE

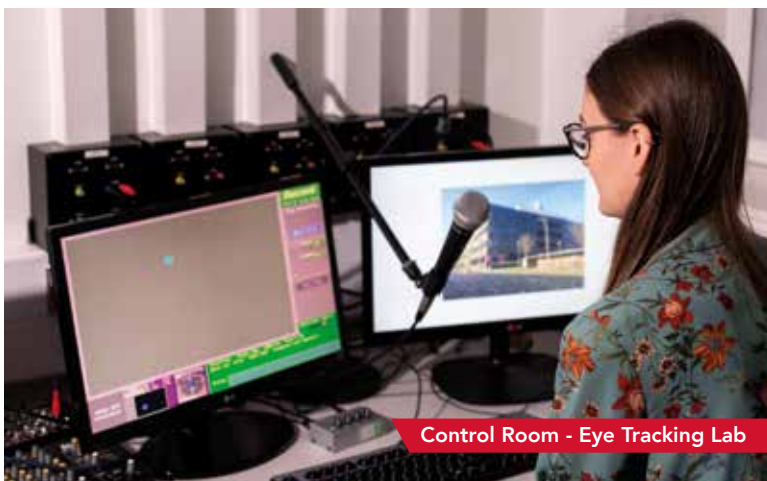
The Observation and Cognitive Suite has digital video cameras and microphones to carry out research on focus groups, interviews and behavioural observations. The cognitive suite of laboratories is a purpose-built set of five individual testing rooms linked to a central control room.

## EYE TRACKING CUBICLES

Tracking Cubicles house desktop and portable eye trackers that allow us to track participants' visual attention during psychology experiments.

## COUNSELLING SUITES

Our Counselling Suites have recording ability and are perfect for practising counselling skills or conducting interviews with research participants.



Control Room - Eye Tracking Lab



Cardiovascular and Pain Lab

Having the **freedom to choose** my own research area and collect my own data has been a **great experience.**



**DOMINIKA ROBINSKA**  
PSYCHOLOGY

I had the opportunity to gain experiences that an undergraduate student **could only dream of.**



**MEREDITH DANKS**  
PSYCHOLOGY AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

# MEET THE EXPERTS



**MEL  
HALL**

FORENSIC AND  
CRIMINOLOGICAL  
PSYCHOLOGY  
COURSE LEADER

Course leader, Mel Hall, has applied her expertise to a wide variety of research and enterprise activities. These include the evaluation of the use of role play as a training tool in conjunction with Peugeot, as well as projects with the NHS and Staffordshire County Council. Her research interests include legal and criminological psychology and the impact of psychology in e-learning and the web.



**DR SARAH  
ROSE**

PSYCHOLOGY  
AND CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT  
COURSE LEADER

Dr Sarah Rose is a developmental psychologist with a particular interest in the influence of education on the development of children's creative abilities. Her main area of research is the development of children's drawings and understanding of pictures as well as the effects of digital media, particularly television, on young children.



**LINDA  
SZEKELY**

PSYCHOLOGY AND  
COUNSELLING  
COURSE LEADER

After completing her MSc in Counselling Psychology, course leader Linda Szekely spent many years working as a Psychotherapist within the Looked After System. Her research interests are in the field of counselling - mostly related to working with children with attachment difficulties - and the impact of trauma on the body and the brain.



**DR DANIEL  
HERRON**

PSYCHOLOGY  
COURSE LEADER

Daniel is a research active member of the Psychology department and Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. He teaches on a variety of modules across our undergraduate and postgraduate courses and particularly enjoys teaching about qualitative methods. His current research interests include inclusive research methods and understanding ways to improve and/or maintain the wellbeing of carers and people living with dementia.

Portable eye-tracking glasses



# OUR COURSES

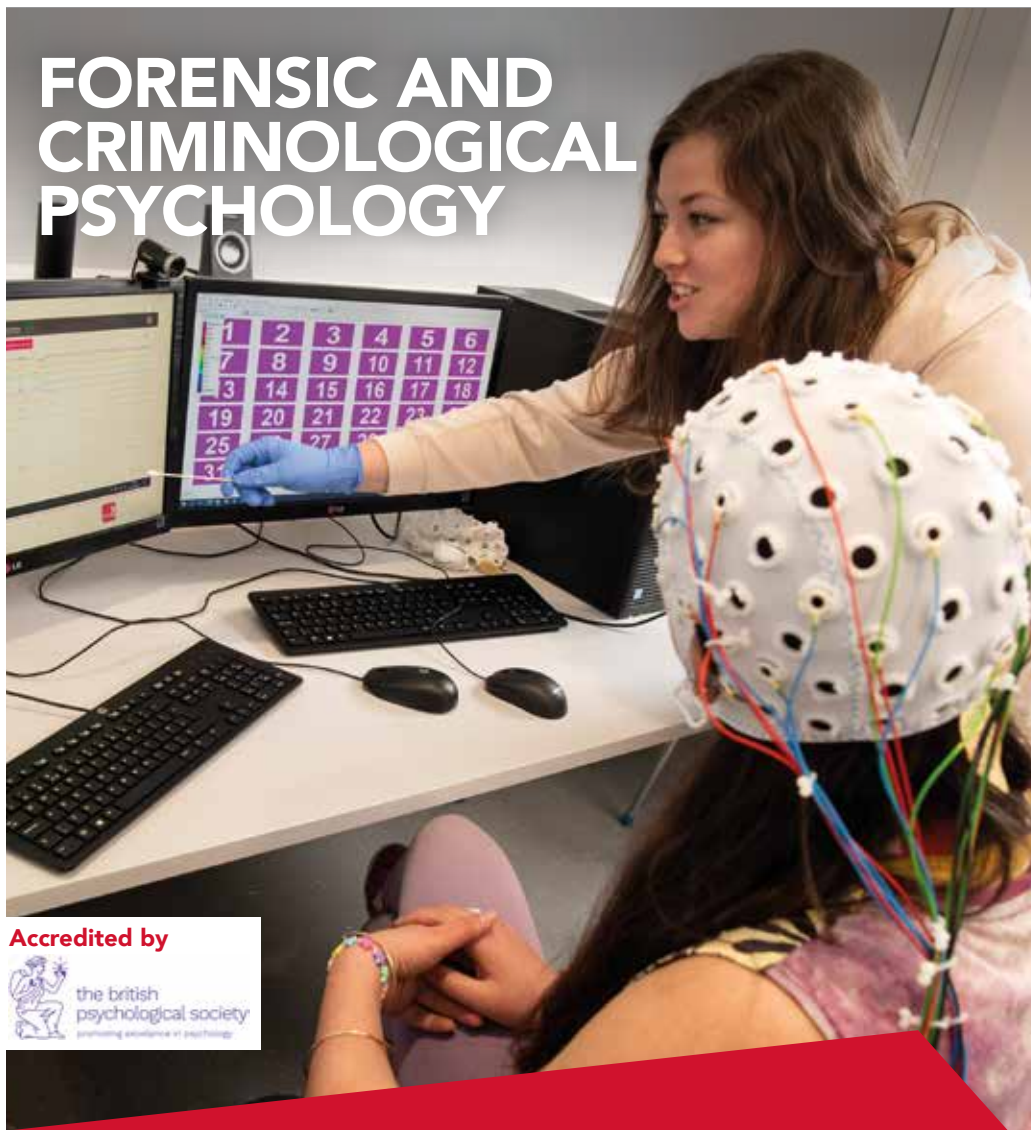
Course title	Award	UCAS Code	UCAS Offer	Duration in years
Forensic and Criminological Psychology	BSc (Hons)	CMV2	112-120	3
Forensic and Criminological Psychology (with placement year)	BSc (Hons)	CMV4	112-120	4
Psychology	BSc (Hons)	C800	112-120	3
Psychology (with foundation year)	BSc (Hons)	C801	48	4
Psychology (with placement year)	BSc (Hons)	C803	112-120	4
Psychology and Child Development	BSc (Hons)	C891	112-120	3
Psychology and Child Development (with placement year)	BSc (Hons)	C804	112-120	4
Psychology and Counselling	BSc (Hons)	CB89	112-120	3
Psychology and Counselling (with placement year)	BSc (Hons)	C805	112-120	4



Science Centre lecture theatre



# FORENSIC AND CRIMINOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY



If you're interested in studying the science behind the criminal mind, then our forensic and criminological psychology course is the degree for you. You'll be given a firm grounding in key elements of psychology and investigate the theories and principles behind both forensic and criminological psychology, and how these are applied through the UK legal system.

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## WHY CHOOSE US...

- Study the science behind the criminal mind and investigate the theories and principles behind both forensic and criminological psychology. Explore the complex thought processes behind the actions, reactions and intentions of offenders within the justice system.
- £30m Science Centre with fantastic facilities including simulation machines, psychophysiology equipment and cognitive research cubicles. You'll be supported by dedicated psychology technicians who will deliver technical sessions and train and support you in your use of the resources.
- Apply forensic and criminological techniques, such as the measurement of physiological responses, in interview and video settings.
- Get real-world experiences in a professional sector, such as the prison service, health service or victim support.
- Learn to understand, conduct and analyse scientific research - a crucial part of becoming a psychologist.

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

Through a mix of lectures, seminars, tutorials, debates and practical sessions, you'll learn about the relevance of forensic, criminological and general psychology to a variety of contemporary issues. The focus will be on applying your knowledge in the real world.

### Module examples:

- Pathways in forensic and criminological psychology
- Psychology in the justice system
- Psychology of crime and serious offending
- Forensic applications of psychology
- Society and the mind

## WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Our graduates with an interest in forensic and criminal psychology have become police officers, prison officers, specialist practitioners in group work in forensic settings, research assistants and offending behaviour programme facilitators. Many have also completed further professional training.

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course here



Psychology is part of our everyday lives, from how we react to different environments through to the impact of social media on our wellbeing. What is the psychology behind social movements? Why does nature often make us happier? These are the sorts of questions you'll explore on our psychology degree.



## WHY CHOOSE US...

- £30m Science Centre with fantastic facilities including simulation machines, psychophysiology equipment, cognitive research cubicles and observation suites.
- Apply psychological knowledge to everyday life and experience. You'll cover a broad sweep of psychological disciplines, including clinical, developmental, health, cognitive and forensic psychology.
- Work on live research alongside one of our academic experts with an optional research assistantship. An excellent opportunity to build your CV and find out about the world of psychology research.
- Choose your dream placement with support from our staff. Examples have included working with the YMCA, as a mental health support worker or study support worker in a school or working with the charity Mind.
- Learn to understand, conduct and analyse scientific research - a crucial part of becoming a psychologist.

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

Through a mix of lectures, seminars, tutorials, debates and practical sessions, you'll learn about the relevance of psychology to a variety of contemporary issues. The focus will be on applying your knowledge in the real world.

### Module examples:

- Pathways in psychology
- Contemporary issues in psychology
- Developmental and biological psychology across the lifespan
- Applying psychology in the contemporary world
- Society and the mind

## WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Graduates from our psychology degree have started a wide range of jobs, including becoming an assistant psychologist, senior family support worker and research assistant. After completing further professional training, many have become clinical psychologists, educational psychologists, teachers and social workers.

# PSYCHOLOGY AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT



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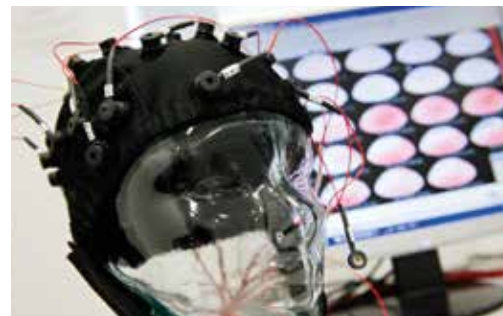
If you want a career where you help to make a difference to children's lives, a degree in psychology and child development is an ideal springboard for working with young people in education, clinical psychology settings or the caring professions. You'll become an expert in understanding children and their wellbeing.

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## WHY CHOOSE US...

- £30m Science Centre with fantastic facilities including a children's lab research facility for hands-on research.
- Become an expert in understanding children and their wellbeing. You'll work alongside experienced professionals on research projects with volunteer families, applying your knowledge to real life scenarios.
- Choose your dream placement with support from our staff. You could be in a school, working in pastoral care and wellbeing under the guidance of a psychologist. Other opportunities include working with charities, doing a mentoring role in a college, working in alternative education settings, or working as a psychology support worker or as an assistant children's advocate.
- Discover how psychology shapes who we are and what influences the way children behave and mature.
- Learn to understand, conduct and analyse scientific research - a crucial part of becoming a psychologist.

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

Through a mix of lectures, seminars, tutorials, debates and practical sessions, you'll learn about the relevance of general psychology and child psychology to a variety of contemporary issues. The focus will be on applying your knowledge in the real world.

### Module examples:

- Childhood: context and wellbeing
- Child psychology: theory to practice
- Pathways in psychology and child development
- Society and the mind
- Growing and changing

## WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Graduates from our degree enjoy a wide range of jobs, including family support worker, play worker, research assistant and specialists in the education field. Many continue their training or studies to become clinical psychologists, educational psychologists, teachers or social workers.

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As more young people and adults seek mental health support, the demand for expert help has never been greater. You can explore the rapidly growing career opportunities in this specialist field by studying a psychology and counselling degree. It's ideal if you're interested in working with people facing difficult circumstances.



## WHY CHOOSE US...

- Discover the world of therapeutic practice and experience two different disciplines - psychology and counselling. You'll learn about different psychological therapies, including cognitive behavioural therapy, person-centred and psychodynamic therapy. You'll also develop a real understanding of ethics and what it means to the counselling world.
- Apply psychological knowledge to everyday life and experience. We offer a practical and supportive approach, taking you through the theory side and then enabling you to put it into action using real life scenarios.
- Focus on your individual personal development. Feedback from students shows they learn so much about themselves through this journey.
- £30m Science Centre with fantastic facilities including counselling and observation suites, cognitive research cubicles and psychophysiology equipment.
- Learn to understand, conduct and analyse scientific research - a crucial part of becoming a psychologist.

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

You'll examine the professional issues that make counselling and allied professions such a challenging, yet rewarding, career route. You'll practice counselling skills and have the option to select modules orientated towards counselling.

### Module examples:

- Pathways in psychology and counselling
- Core counselling skills
- Counselling theory, ethics and personal development
- Development and biological psychology across the lifespan
- Psychological interventions

## WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Graduates from our degree can apply directly to a postgraduate counselling course that leads to British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) accreditation and roles as a counsellor. Alternatively, graduates find success in other fields including teaching, social work, HR and health.

Studying at  
Staffordshire University  
**gave me my first  
opportunity to  
learn about health  
psychology** and I have  
never looked back!



**FOZIA IKRAM-BASHIR**

PSYCHOLOGY

The course is  
so interesting, the  
modules are engaging  
and the support from  
the psychology and  
counselling team is  
impeccable.



**BETH JAROMSKI**

PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELLING

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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## SUBJECT TO APPROVAL/VALIDATION

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**We're always striving to deliver the most current and relevant degrees, both by creating new courses and regularly reviewing our current offering.**

Each time we make changes, the course goes through a rigorous approval process to ensure that it's the perfect fit for our students, employers and other relevant stakeholders.

Some of the courses inside this guide may be marked as 'subject to approval' or 'subject to validation', but don't worry, this just means some of the details of the course won't have been finalised yet. As soon as new courses are approved and validated, up-to-date information will be provided on the online course pages at [www.staffs.ac.uk/courses](http://www.staffs.ac.uk/courses)

If you have been offered a place and there is a significant change to the course, or for any reason, the course doesn't run – we will contact you immediately and fully support you in finding the best suitable alternative.

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At the time of printing in May 2023, the courses listed in this guide represent those we intend to offer for the 2023/2024 academic years. Very occasionally, however, we need to make changes to our courses, including their content and the way in which they are delivered. In some instances, courses can be discontinued or combined with other courses.

Reasons for withdrawing courses can include insufficient student numbers and courses not receiving the necessary accreditation or approval. Changes to course information may include operational and academic reasons.

If circumstances beyond our control mean we cannot provide particular educational services, all reasonable steps will be taken to minimise any disruption to those services. However, the University will have no liability for any loss or damage suffered by any prospect or student as a result.

As a prospective student of Staffordshire University, it's your responsibility to ensure you have fully reviewed up-to-date course information before you

apply, and that your chosen course fully meets your requirements. You should also check the course still meets your requirements before accepting an offer to study with us.

Student satisfaction scores have been provided by Unistats and are correct at the time of going to print. For more information, visit: [discoveruni.gov.uk](http://discoveruni.gov.uk)

If we discontinue a course or programme and you're not happy with the alternative offered, or if a programme is changed and you're not happy with the changes, you'll be given the opportunity to withdraw from the programme. Up-to-date course information can be found on our website ([www.staffs.ac.uk](http://www.staffs.ac.uk)), or by calling us on **01782 294400**.

If you're offered a place at Staffordshire University, your offer will be subject to the University's Terms and Conditions of Offer. If you become a student of Staffordshire University, you will enter a contract with us and be bound by our rules and regulations. These, too, may vary from time to time ([www.staffs.ac.uk/rulesandregs](http://www.staffs.ac.uk/rulesandregs)).

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**IN THE UK FOR  
QUALITY EDUCATION**

Sustainable Development Goal 4  
THE Impact Rankings 2023

**TOP  
10**

**FOR CAREER  
PROSPECTS**

Whatuni Student Choice  
Awards 2023

**TOP  
20**

**FOR  
FACILITIES**

Whatuni Student Choice  
Awards 2023

**TOP  
10**

**FOR SOCIAL  
INCLUSION**

The Times and The Sunday Times  
Good University Guide 2023

**87%**

**OF RESEARCH IMPACT  
IS 'OUTSTANDING' OR  
'VERY CONSIDERABLE'**

Research Excellence  
Framework 2021

**68%**

**OF RESEARCH IS  
'INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT'  
OR 'WORLD LEADING'**

Research Excellence  
Framework 2021

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Find us on: [www.staffs.ac.uk/socialmedia](http://www.staffs.ac.uk/socialmedia)

