



University of  
Staffordshire



# PSYCHOLOGY

Your place  
of possibility

We are delighted to announce that Staffordshire University has rebranded to become University of Staffordshire. It reinforces our commitment to Staffordshire and beyond. Our brand evolution also heralds an exciting new future, with lots of new opportunities for our students.

# WELCOME TO PSYCHOLOGY

**From studying human behaviour to understanding how children develop, our hands-on degrees are your gateway to becoming a psychologist.**

Learn about psychological profiling of offenders. Become a research assistant and work on live projects. Or take on the roles of counsellor and client to practise real-life therapeutic scenarios. Whichever area interests you, we'll help you turn possibility into reality.

You could be delving into key questions, such as why does nature makes us happier or what is the psychology behind social movements? Inside our £30m Science Centre, you could also be testing people's physiological responses to stress or seeing our children's lab in action.

We offer four different degree paths – Psychology; Psychology and Counselling; Psychology and Child Development; and Forensic and Criminological Psychology.

With our next-level teaching and personalised learning, you'll have all the support you need to succeed.

You'll also get plenty of real-world experience. Student placements have included working with charities, schools and community settings, with roles ranging from mental health support worker to wellbeing practitioner.



**DISCOVER  
OUR  
PSYCHOLOGY  
COURSES**





Bringing your place  
of possibility to life

# THIS IS YOUR PLACE

## 5<sup>TH</sup> FOR ASSESSMENT & FEEDBACK (PSYCHOLOGY)

National Student Survey 2024

## 8<sup>TH</sup> FOR STUDENT SATISFACTION

Complete University Guide 2025 - Psychology

## 8<sup>TH</sup> FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT (PSYCHOLOGY)

National Student Survey 2024

## 11<sup>TH</sup> FOR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN PSYCHOLOGY

National Student Survey 2024

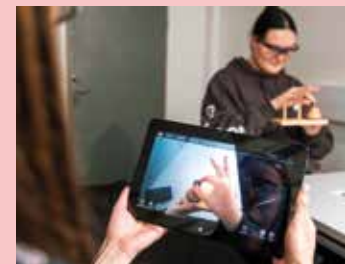
## WORK ON LIVE RESEARCH

## DEVELOP TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

## EMPLOYABILITY INITIATIVES

## ACCREDITED BY THE BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## £30M SCIENCE CENTRE





# WHY CHOOSE UNIVERSITY OF STAFFORDSHIRE

Find your gateway to industry  
and a future full of possibilities.  
An amazing community,  
where amazing things happen.  
**All built around you.**



## Leading modern courses

Right from the beginning, we've been at the cutting edge of industries and driving change. Building a bridge between the classroom and real-world practice. Learn the skills for the future on our career-focused courses.

## Next-level teaching

We teach in the best way, not the old way. Pushing boundaries and using hands-on, personalised learning. Championing digital innovation, from CGI to games technologies. Immerse yourself in our simulation spaces, taking you from crime scene to courtroom or ambulance to operating theatre.

## Personalised support

Get all the support you need to achieve real success. Whether you have a worry about money, your studies, your mental health or a personal issue, we're here for you every step of the way.

## Gateway to careers

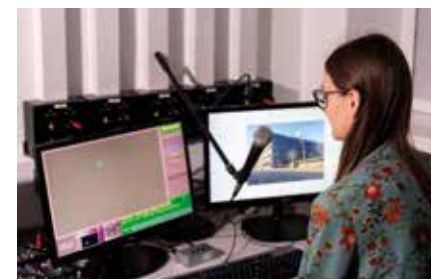
With our unique industry connections, you'll unlock your potential. Unleash your entrepreneurial skills as you take on projects, explore placements or exhibit your work at shows, and gain the skills for whatever comes next. You can even become a student consultant, marketing your expertise to employers.

## Inclusive community

Become part of our open, inclusive and welcoming community. An environment that's big on personality and full of character. A place where you'll feel empowered and inspired. Where everyone is valued and you can be you.



# 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 practise 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 practise your skills and test hypotheses safely.

### Counselling suites

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

## 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 software for experimental design, build, acquisition and analysis.

### Eye tracking cubicles

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



## Observation and Cognitive Suite

The Observation and Cognitive Suite has digital video cameras and microphones to carry out research with 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.



WATCH A  
VIDEO TOUR



# OUR STUDENTS

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

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**Dominika Robinska**  
Psychology

“**I feel like I am developing a broad range of knowledge as well as critical thinking.**”

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**Andrew Keating**  
Psychology and Counselling



# 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

Sarah is passionate about inspiring students at all levels about child development and how we can share our psychological expertise to make a difference to children and their families. Her research focuses on education, children's wellbeing and children's use of tech.



**JAMES  
VERNON**

Psychology and  
Counselling Course  
Leader

After completing his MSc in Psychotherapeutic Counselling, James splits his time between academia and his private counselling practice. His research interests are in the field of bereavement counselling especially in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.



**DR DANIEL  
HERRON**

Psychology  
Course Leader

Daniel is an applied psychologist with interests in dementia and the therapeutic role of nature. He is passionate about facilitating the development of students so they can apply psychological knowledge and skills in their everyday lives and future careers.

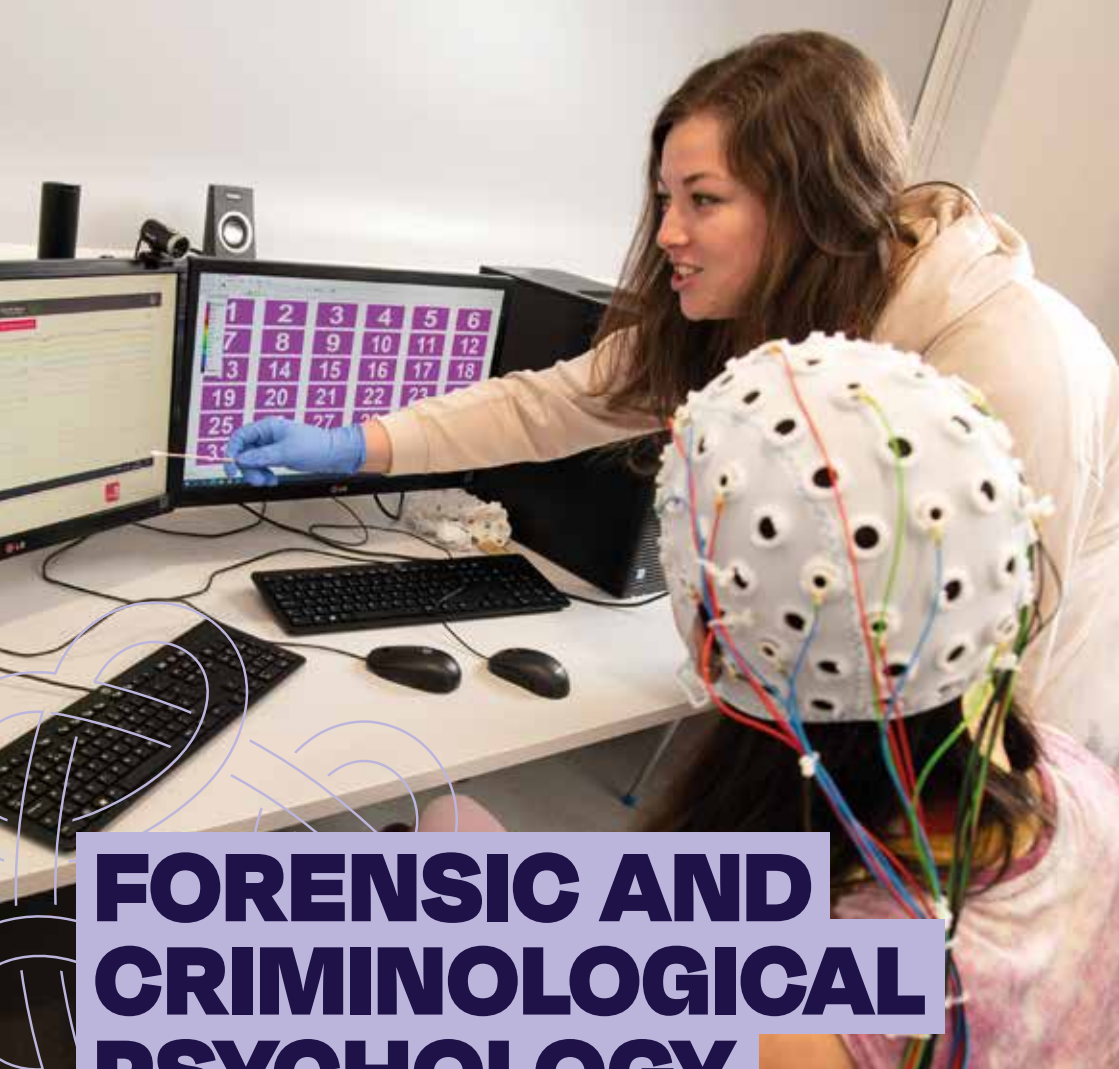


# OUR COURSES

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







# FORENSIC AND CRIMINOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Study the science behind the criminal mind and the role psychology plays in understanding and managing offenders. You'll get a firm grounding in key aspects and theories of psychology, as well as how these are applied within the UK legal system. Topics range from psychological profiling through to contemporary issues such as stalking.

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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...

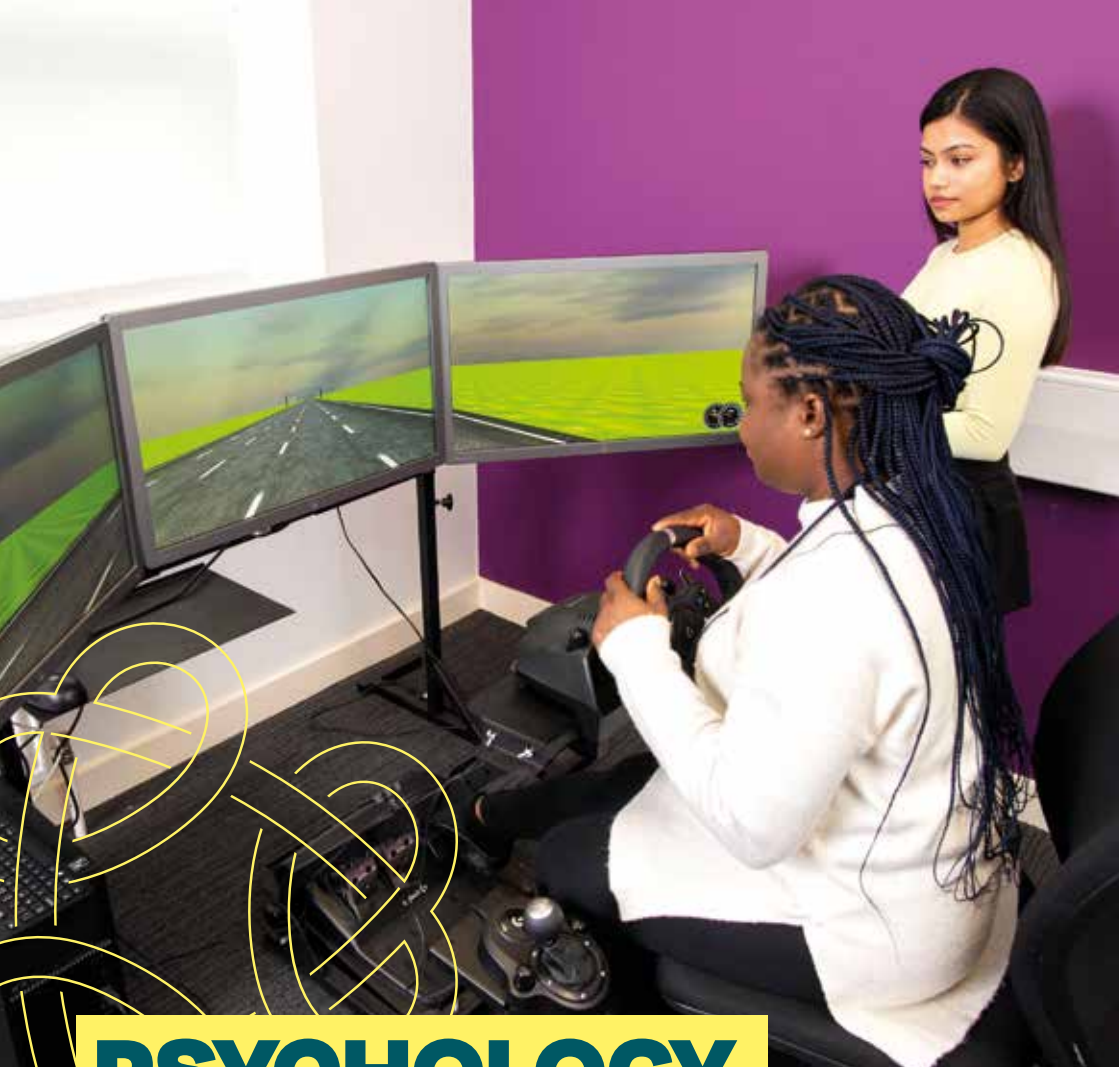
Through a mix of lectures, seminars, tutorials, debates and practical sessions, you'll learn about the relevance of forensic, criminological and general psychology to a variety of contemporary issues. The focus will be on applying your knowledge in the real world.

### 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.



# PSYCHOLOGY

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.

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## 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.

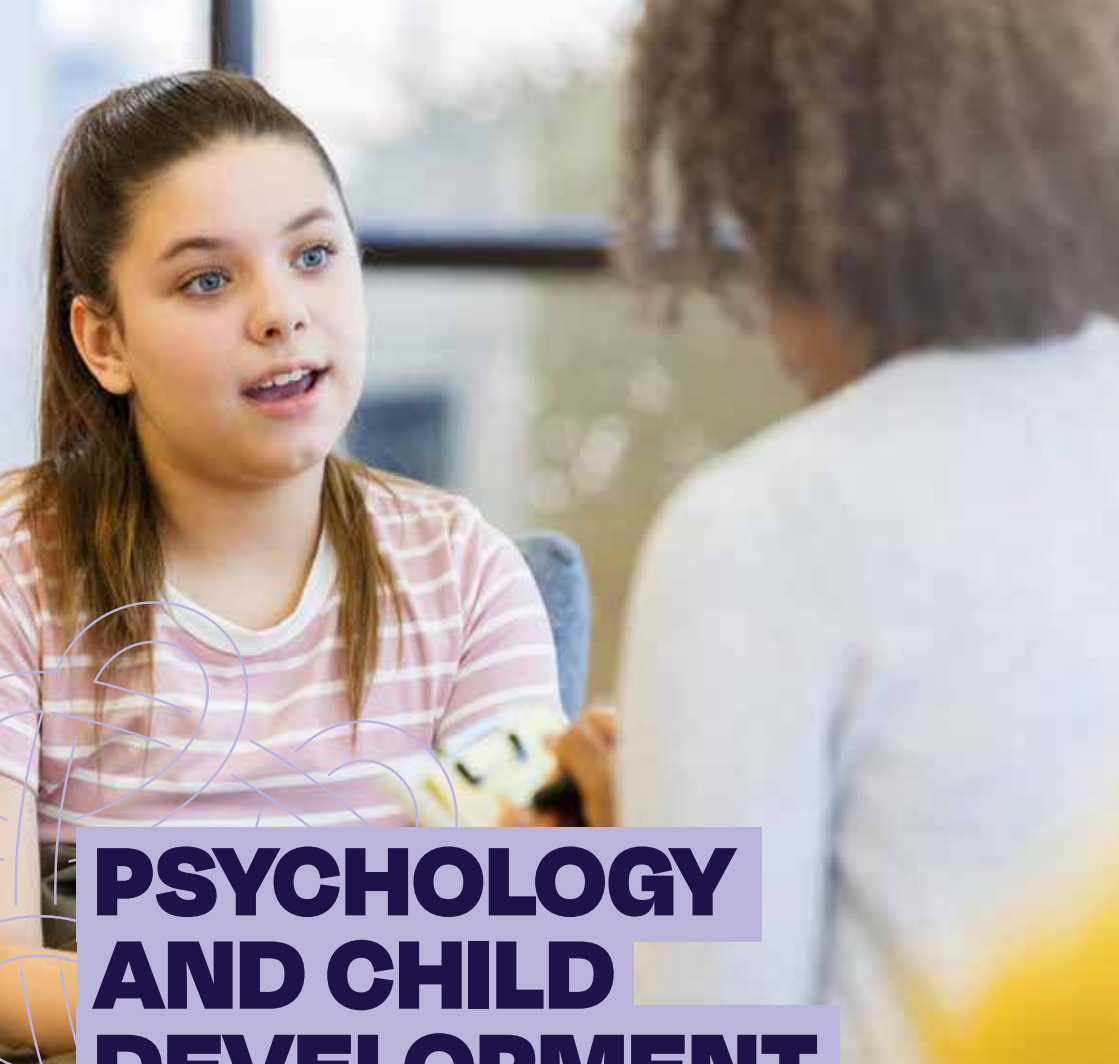
### Module examples:

- 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

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.



# PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELLING

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.

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## Why choose us...

- Discover the world of therapeutic practice and experience the two different disciplines of 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.



# OUR STUDENTS

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

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**Fozia Ikram-Bashir**

Psychology

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

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**Beth Jaromski**

Psychology and Counselling

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Subject to approval/validation

**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.

At the time of printing in September 2024, the courses listed in this guide represent those we intend to offer for the 2025/2026 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 University of Staffordshire, 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 the University of Staffordshire, your offer will be subject to the University's Terms and Conditions of Offer. If you become a student of University of Staffordshire, 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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## **2<sup>ND</sup> IN THE UK FOR QUALITY EDUCATION**

Sustainable Development Goal 4 THE  
Impact Rankings 2024

## **5<sup>TH</sup> FOR FIRST GEN STUDENTS**

The Mail University guide 2025

## **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

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