



## **Welcome to Psychology!**

Welcome to the University of Northampton and an exciting three years ahead. Psychology by its very nature is interesting and challenging, and the psychology programmes aim to provide discussion, debate and understanding. On behalf of all the staff we would like to congratulate you on your entrance to university and wish you every success in your studies this year!

In addition to the material presented here, we have also prepared a webpage for our new students for 2018. Please have a look at this, as it includes some activities for you to complete before arriving for our Welcome Week in September. You can find the site at:

<https://mypad.northampton.ac.uk/psychologywelcome2018/>

## **Psychology courses at Northampton**

We offer several different courses in Psychology which categorise more broadly into Single and Joint Honours degrees. If you have been accepted for a Single Honours degree (including the

Developmental and Education and Counselling pathways) in Psychology you will study only psychology for the duration of your course whereas if you are taking the Joint Honours course, you will study psychology alongside another subject of your choice across the three years of your degree.

Regardless of which course you take, you will find that all psychology students are taught together. You may also find that other students from a variety of different courses attend classes with you. We see this arrangement as one of the strengths of our psychology provision - it means that you have plenty of opportunities to meet students from a range of different backgrounds and that you are exposed to many different ways of thinking about course content.

At this stage our provision is reasonably flexible in that it is often (but not always) possible to transfer between courses if you feel that your chosen course is not for you.

### **Single Honours Psychology BSc (Hons)**

Psychology BSc Single Honours Psychology students take six first year psychology module, covering introductory topics in general psychology and research methods, as well as topics on professional pathways in psychology, applying psychology to our daily lives, and positive psychology – the study of human ‘thriving’ or positive human functioning.

Your course leader for Single Honours  
Psychology is: Kimberley Hill  
([Kimberley.hill@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:Kimberley.hill@northampton.ac.uk))



### **BSc Psychology (Counselling) pathway**

Five of the standard first year psychology modules and an additional module in counselling are taken in the first year of the BSc Psychology (Counselling) pathway. In years 2 and 3 students maintain the focus on counselling, and have the opportunity to choose 'designated' (elective) modules across a range of topics.

Your course leader for Psychology and  
Counselling is: Elizabeth Roxburgh  
([Elizabeth.roxburgh@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:Elizabeth.roxburgh@northampton.ac.uk))



## **BSc Psychology (Developmental & Educational Psychology) pathway**

Students on the Developmental & Educational Psychology pathway have a similar structure to other courses in the first year. In subsequent years there is a focused specialism in Developmental & Educational Psychology along with a range of designated modules.

Your course leader for Developmental and Education Psychology is: Steve Kilpatrick  
([steve.kilpatrick@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:steve.kilpatrick@northampton.ac.uk))



## **Joint Honours Psychology**

Students on a joint honours degree with psychology take three psychology modules in the first year (except those doing Joint Honours with Law, who only take two psychology modules). The remaining modules are set out by the other subject you study. In second and third year you get to choose the number of psychology modules that you want to study depending on whether you wish to major or minor in Psychology.

Your course leader for Joint Honours Psychology is: Alasdair Gordon-Finlayson  
([alasdair.gordon-finlayson@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:alasdair.gordon-finlayson@northampton.ac.uk))



## **Head of Year One**

The Head of Year has responsibility for advising and guiding all students within that particular year. The Head of Year also issues extensions for coursework when required.

Head of Year One is Rachel Evenden, and she can be contacted at:

Rachel.Evenden@northampton.ac.uk



### **VERY IMPORTANT!**

All our Single Honours courses as well as the Joint Honours course (but only when taken as the major subject) lead to a degree which, upon successful completion, means that you gain eligibility for the graduate basis for chartered membership (GBC) with the British Psychological Society (BPS). The BPS is the body that oversees the professional practice of psychology in the UK. GBC refers to the accreditation by the BPS of undergraduate courses considered to provide an appropriate foundation for further training in psychology. We are pleased to say that the BPS accredits all of the Psychology courses offered at the university. We will advise you, later in the year, on which modules you need to choose in your second year in order to have your degree accredited by the BPS.

## **Course Information**

You will be registered on a number of NILE (Northampton Integrated Learning Environment) sites – one each for the modules you are taking, and an additional NILE site common to all psychology staff and students. This is accessible through the NILE home page (it's called "18/19 BSc Psychology"), and all information about your programmes in general and anything to do with the Psychology subject group will be made available there. You must be registered on this module – this goes for all psychology students including all joint honours students. If you don't see this, please speak to your Personal Academic Tutor.

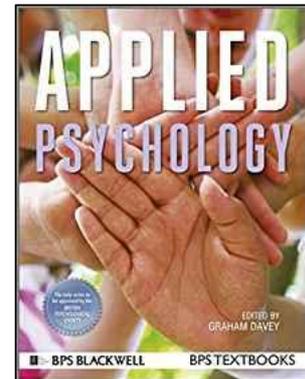
Towards the end of your first year, you will be asked to choose your designated modules for the second year, and more information will be given about these closer to the time. In the meantime, you can use the university website to access your "Award Map" which outlines all the possibilities for your programme, which enables you to tailor the content of your degree towards your own interests as they develop. You will need to complete 120 credits in each year of full time study, with each module counting 20 credits (except for some of the second year psychology modules which count 10 credits).

## **Recommended reading**

Please note, this is not an exhaustive list – but this will provide you with a starting point for reading for your course. For more detailed, module specific lists, have a look at the reading lists tab in the module links in NILE. Do check for availability of these books in the library!

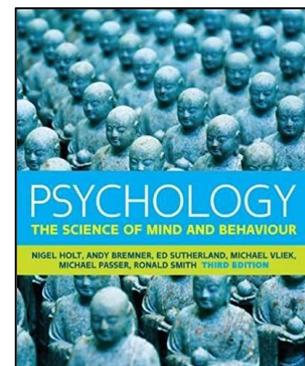
### **PSY1001**

Davey, G. (ed.) (2011) *Applied Psychology*.  
Chichester: BPS Blackwell.



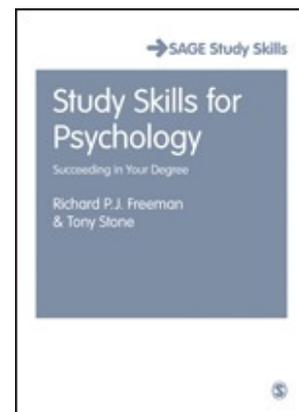
### **PSY1003**

Holt, N., Bremner, A., Sutherland, Vlieg, M.L.W., E Passer, M., & Smith, R. (2012).  
*Psychology: The science of mind and behaviour (3<sup>rd</sup> edition)*. London: McGraw-Hill.



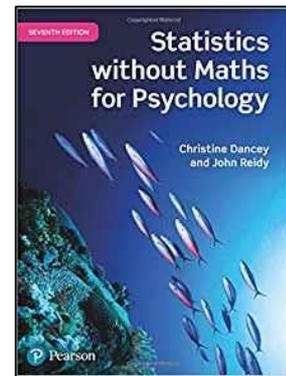
### **PSY1004**

Freeman, R.P.J. & Stone, T. (2006). *Study Skills for Psychology: Succeeding in your Degree*. London: Sage Publications.



### **PSY1006**

Dancey, Christine P. and Reidy, John. (2017)  
*Statistics Without Maths for Psychology (6<sup>th</sup> Edition)*. Harlow: Pearson Education Limited.



Howitt, Dennis and Cramer, Duncan. (2014)  
*Introduction to research methods in psychology (5<sup>th</sup> Edition)*. Harlow: Pearson Education Limited.

