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- You’ll be part of a Russell Group university - one of the UK’s world-class universities.
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- You’ll benefit from outstanding teaching in a research-led environment - Cardiff is ranked in the UK’s top 5 universities for research quality.
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- You’ll live in a friendly, compact and safe city with all your study, living and leisure needs within walking distance.
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**with able and motivated students . . .**

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- You’ll be at an international university with students from more than 100 countries who have excellent career prospects.
- You can be confident of your future prospects - 95% of our students were employed or had entered further study within six months of completing their studies.²
- You’ll be in demand - Cardiff is among the top 25 universities targeted by employers seeking high calibre graduates.³

**who have excellent career prospects.**

Notes
1. Research by Natwest 2017
2. HESA Destination of Leavers Survey 2016
3. High Fliers Research The Graduate Market 2017

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Welcome

The School of Psychology is widely regarded as one of the UK’s leading research departments with a strong tradition in all the main fields of psychology. Furthermore, we have a longstanding reputation for an excellent quality of undergraduate teaching.

If you choose to study Psychology at Cardiff, we will work with you on a challenging and comprehensive programme, in which you will be encouraged to understand behaviour from social, cognitive, and biological perspectives.

Throughout the course, you will be supported by enthusiastic lecturers, who will help you develop your skills in psychological research and practice via lectures, small group seminars, and tutorials. We will support your personal and academic development, via our personal tutor scheme, under which all students have a mentor who oversees progress throughout the degree.

We have a vibrant and international research community, in which we encourage students at all levels to take an active part. Our undergraduate courses emphasise the importance of a close connection between teaching and cutting-edge research. We therefore offer many opportunities for you to participate in, and contribute to current studies, through projects, dissertations, and research vacation schemes.

We offer a three and a four-year course. Both courses will give you an excellent education in Psychology and consistently score around 92% student satisfaction in the National Student Survey.

The additional benefit of the four-year degree is the possibility to gain experience in psychology in practice. On this programme, you spend the third of four years of study in a Psychology placement.

This work experience contributes appreciably to job prospects because of the practical skills that can be gained. It also helps decisions about career paths you might follow.

Our degree programmes will give you excellent prospects to find graduate employment or pursue higher training.

Please do visit the School on one of our open days. I am confident that when you meet our lecturing staff, and see the magnificent facilities we provide, you will decide that Cardiff is the right place to study Psychology.

I hope to welcome you to our School soon.

If your degree:

Students admitted to Cardiff University study for a Cardiff University degree.
Cardiff: A capital city

The Principality (Millennium) Stadium nestles in the heart of the city, and is home to numerous sporting events and concerts throughout the year.
Cardiff is a thriving and attractive city, which is widely recognised as an outstanding place in which to live and study. It combines all the advantages of a compact, friendly and inexpensive location, with the cultural and recreational facilities of a modern capital city.

Cardiff offers everything from the excitement of the city to the peace and tranquility of the nearby coast and countryside. With its distinctive character, good quality of life, and growing national and international reputation, it hosts many high-profile cultural and sporting events, including international rugby, soccer, cricket and motor sport.

When it comes to entertainment, Cardiff is well-equipped to satisfy student needs. There is a multitude of cafés, pubs and nightclubs. The city is home to the world-renowned Welsh National Opera, it boasts prestigious concert venues such as the Wales Millennium Centre, St David’s Hall and the Motorpoint Arena, as well as the iconic Principality Stadium, the National Museum Wales, several theatres and the historic Cardiff Castle.

Cardiff is the location for award-winning television productions, including Doctor Who, Sherlock, Torchwood and Casualty.

The city is one of the UK’s best shopping destinations, with St David’s Dewi Sant retail centre standing alongside pedestrianised shopping streets, indoor and outdoor markets, and a fascinating network of glass-canopied Victorian and Edwardian arcades.

Cardiff also has more urban green space than any other UK city, and offers easy access to the countryside, coast and mountains.

Lively, elegant, confident, cosmopolitan and ambitious are all words readily used to describe modern-day Cardiff. Together, the city and the University provide students with the ‘Cardiff Experience’, a lifestyle our students remember long after graduation.

Don’t just take our word for it . . .
“Cardiff is one of Europe’s youngest capital cities – small enough to be friendly and big enough to offer the best of living in a major city.”
The Complete University Guide 2017

Come and see for yourself . . .
Cardiff benefits from excellent road and rail links with Britain’s other major towns and cities. London, for example, is two hours by train, and the M4 links both the West and South of England, as well as West Wales. Travel to the Midlands and to the North is equally convenient. The journey by road from Birmingham, for example, takes only two hours. The main coach and railway stations are both centrally placed, and Cardiff also benefits from an international airport.

“Cardiff seems to have it all: grand civic architecture in a breezy waterside location, super-smart city bars and venues just a short hop from lovely countryside.”
Guardian University Guide 2016
Cardiff University has an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, built on a history of service and achievement since 1883, and recognised by our membership of the Russell Group of leading research-led universities.

With attractive and compact campuses, excellent student accommodation, and a hugely popular Students’ Union, all within easy walking distance of each other in a thriving city, it is not surprisingly that Cardiff is a first choice university for many.

We admit approximately 5,000 undergraduate entrants each year, the majority of whom are school and college leavers, and have high grades at A-level or equivalent. While competition for entry is strong, Cardiff is an inclusive university with a good record on widening participation and fair access, and we welcome applications, irrespective of background, from everyone with the potential to succeed at Cardiff University.

The University’s Cathays Park Campus is located in and around the impressive Portland stone buildings, parks and wide tree-lined avenues that form Cardiff’s attractive civic centre. The majority of academic schools are located here - just a few minutes’ walk from the city centre. The three academic schools offering healthcare courses (excluding Optometry and Pharmacy) are based at the Heath Park Campus, approximately one mile away, which is also home to the University Hospital of Wales.

Although dating from 1883, Cardiff is focused on the 21st century, and has modern state-of-the-art buildings and facilities. The University has invested substantially in its estate in recent years and continues to do so today. Most academic schools have benefited from major refurbishment, including new and well-equipped laboratories, lecture theatres, libraries and computing facilities. International opportunities are available via our Global Opportunity Centre. These include study, work and volunteering placements in 27 EU countries as well as international exchange opportunities. All students also have the opportunity to study a language, in addition to their degree, through the University’s Languages For All programme.

The University takes its environmental, safety and security responsibilities very seriously. It has comprehensive policies in place which are making great savings in energy consumption and, to support the safety and security of all members of the University community and their property, there is 24-hour security cover throughout the campus.

What the Guides say...

“The University is as confident and forward-looking as the city it’s located in, and has an excellent reputation for the quality of its teaching and research.”

Guardian University Guide 2016

Cardiff University is among the best in the UK for preparing graduates for the workplace.

Times Higher Education – Global University Employability Ranking 2016

Cardiff offers one of the best student experiences in Wales, according to the latest Times Higher Education UK Student Experience Survey.
As a fast developing capital city, Cardiff is a great place to be a student. It’s large enough to offer you an exciting variety of activities and entertainment, but small enough for you to feel comfortable in.

Accommodation
Cardiff offers guaranteed University accommodation of good quality and value, and a range of residences to suit individual preferences and budgets.

All undergraduates who accept their offer of a place from Cardiff, on a firm basis, are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University residences during their first year of study.

Please see our website for full details of our accommodation guarantee and associated deadlines: www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences

The University is continually investing in its student residences, and the views of students are taken into account at the design stage. Unusually for a civic university, most of our residences are within easy walking distance of lecture theatres, libraries, laboratories, the Students’ Union and city centre.

There are 15 different residences, providing more than 5,500 study bedrooms and students can apply for the residences which best suit their preferences, interests and budgets. Some 70% have en-suite shower and toilet facilities and all halls of residence have computer network connection points and access to Wi-Fi.

Fees depend on the facilities included and whether catered, part-catered or self-catered, but prices compare very favourably with those of other UK universities. Besides managing University property, the Residences Office maintains close links with the private sector and provides assistance to students seeking to rent or share houses or flats.

Student Life
The Students’ Union
Cardiff Students’ Union is one of the biggest, best and most active in Britain. A multi-million pound investment has been made in Union facilities in recent years, which has included a new venue called Y Plas, which at night becomes a nightclub.

Hosting live music, club nights, stand-up comedy, fashion shows and awards ceremonies, there’s lots to keep you entertained from your first day to your last.

Other facilities include a food court, a bank, a print shop, a hair salon and a bookshop. The Lounge offers IT and Skyping facilities, meeting rooms and a “chill-out” area, as well as snooker tables and multi-faith prayer room. The Union also has its own letting agency and an Advice and Representation Centre. In addition, it is home to CU TV and Xpress Radio (the students’ own TV and radio stations) and more than 200 cultural, political, religious, social, sporting societies and clubs.

Jobshop
Jobshop is the Union’s own student employment service and provides casual, clerical and catering jobs around the University to hundreds of students.

What the Guides say . . .
“Cardiff is one of the best UK cities for young adults because of its low cost of living, good job opportunities and decent wages.”
The Complete University Guide 2017

“Cardiff is amongst the most affordable/cost effective student destinations in the UK.”
Research by NatWest 2017

“Cardiff has one of the biggest, best and most active students’ unions in the UK and is currently benefitting from a multi-million pound investment.”
The Complete University Guide 2017
The School of Psychology

The School of Psychology is long-established, well resourced and has an excellent international reputation.
The School of Psychology

We provide both formal and informal work spaces to you, and you will get lots of opportunities to work in groups or as part of a team. We are one of the largest psychology departments in Britain, with over 50 research-active academic staff, and over 50 research-only staff, covering the entire spectrum of contemporary psychology. This means that our teaching offers depth as well as breadth. We offer a three-year Psychology BSc and a four-year Psychology with Professional Placement BSc.

In the most recent Government inspection, the quality of teaching and the provision of both programmes was awarded the highest rating of “Excellent”. The cohort size across the two courses is approximately 210.

The School of Psychology at Cardiff University enjoys an excellent international reputation, and benefits from state-of-the art teaching and research facilities. Our students have access to an in-house, exclusive, and well supported computing suite. CUBRIC – Cardiff University Brain Research and Imaging Centre – is one of the largest and best equipped imaging centres in Europe, and is an integral part of our School.

Our School is one of the best and most successful in Britain. In fact, our research quality has been ranked 2nd, splitting Oxford and Cambridge at the pole position of the REF research quality league table. Further testament to our standing is the fact that we attract in excess of £5 million annually in external funding for our research activities.

In Cardiff, we believe in research-led teaching. This means that you will be taught by psychologists who conduct world-leading research in their field. And you can get involved with one of our summer internship schemes, getting hands-on experience with our fantastic facilities, supervised by internationally renowned experts. Our undergraduate cohort is complemented by taught post-graduate degrees in Neuroimaging, Clinical Psychology and Educational Psychology, and about 80 students carrying out research for their doctorates.

Students have access to the very latest equipment

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Our degree programmes are designed to be stimulating and relevant to the needs of a career in psychology. As one of the largest psychology schools in Britain, we have the flexibility and expertise to suit different purposes and interests.

As well as delivering excellent teaching informed by cutting-edge, world-leading research, Cardiff’s School of Psychology also has strong and well-established links with business, industry, care providers, and health professionals. More and more universities around Britain recognise the benefits of offering a four-year degree programme with Professional Placement. We are proud to have one of the largest and longest standing placement programmes in the country.

Our two degree programmes follow the same academic curriculum. The first two years (Levels 4 and 5) of your course cover the breadth of contemporary psychology at sufficient depth to make you eligible for Graduate Membership of the British Psychological Society (BPS), following your successful graduation of our accredited courses. If you opt for our four-year degree, you will then spend one year on a Professional Placement, before returning for your final year (Level 6). If you choose the three-year course, you proceed straight into the final year.

**Level 4**

We recognise that the beginning of any university course is a period in which you will discover a new way of life, and a new way of learning. Level 4 covers the first four months of our course, and we fashioned it to give you a sound foundation in psychological research and thinking, while facilitating the transition from school to university.

You will study three modules. The “Introduction to Psychology” module will provide an introduction and overview to social, cognitive, biological, and abnormal psychology, as well as research on individual differences. “Psychological Research” will introduce the principles of research design. “Research Methods in Psychology” will introduce the conceptual underpinnings of statistical principles to help your overall understanding of the role of statistics, research methods and computing within psychology.

**Level 5**

Level 5 covers the next 18 months of your course, and builds on the topics and issues covered during Level 4. It continues to develop important themes in contemporary psychology, while placing particular emphasis on critical thinking as well as the ability to interpret and integrate research findings and psychological theories.

You will study nine modules, each focussing on a particular area of psychology, including developmental, cognitive, biological, abnormal, social, and perceptual psychology. Level 5 modules will develop and extend your understanding of each topic beyond what was covered in Level 4. You will also continue to train your skills in research design, statistics and computing.
Level 6 (Final Year)

In the final year, you have free choice from a range of modules.

This gives you the opportunity to pursue the specific interests you have developed during the previous years of your course. The specialised modules allow you to go into more depth, and learn about the latest research in these areas.

Please note: The Level 6 modules listed below are typical of those offered, but may vary from session to session.

Typical Final Year Modules
- Stress and Disease
- Forensic Psychology: Violence and Crime
- Animal Learning and Cognition
- Neuroscience of Learning and Memory
- Memory Processes and Memory Disorders
- Behavioural Genetics
- Decision Making
- Active Vision
- The Psychology of Speech and Language
- Developmental Psychopathology in Childhood and Adolescence
- Environmental Psychology
- Emotion: Social and Neuroscience Perspectives
- Attitudes and Attitude Change
- Research methods in Development Psychology.

Supervised Final Year Project

All final year students will undertake a psychology research project. You can choose a research area and decide on the precise nature of your project in discussion with your supervisor. The project forms a large component of the final assessment and gives you a chance to carry out brand-new research in an area of your interest.

Teaching Methods and Assessment

Throughout your course, lectures will form the backbone of your learning. At Levels 4 and 5 small group tutorials and seminars give you the opportunity to go deeper and elaborate on what you have been taught in lectures. Theoretical knowledge, of course, needs to be supplemented with hands-on experience. Our Level 4 and 5 practical classes and computing workshops will train you in all the skills you need to carry out independent research for your final year research project and beyond. You can expect to have about 10 contact hours per week at Cardiff.

Each module of your course is self-contained and will be examined at the end of the semester. At Cardiff, we believe in heterogeneity of assessment. Consequently, unseen exams are complemented by coursework on which you obtain feedback. While the exact figures vary by year of study, approximately 35-45% of assessment is by coursework and the remainder by traditional examinations.

Personal Tutors

At the start of your first year, you will be assigned a personal tutor, who is a member of the academic staff of the School. You will have regular, timetabled meetings with your personal tutor throughout your course. Your tutor’s role is to advise on academic, as well as non-academic matters in a confidential and informal manner. They will take a keen interest in your personal development and will support you throughout your degree as well as in your career planning.

Study Abroad Opportunities

We are very excited to offer you a chance to study abroad while working towards a Cardiff degree. We have paired up with Hong Kong University (HKU), one of the world’s highest ranking universities, to offer you the opportunity to study Psychology while also immersing yourself in a completely different culture. Students participating in the HKU exchange will study their first semester in the second year in Hong Kong, taking courses that match the content offered in Cardiff (tuition and examination is in English).

There are no additional fees to pay, and the exchange is supported by a bursary to cover travel costs.

You also have the opportunity to go abroad in your placements (see Psychology with Professional Placement).

Professional Placement

Our BSc with Professional Placement is one of the best established placement programmes in the country. We have agreements with over 150 organisations, and can offer outstanding placements in clinical, forensic, educational, organisational, industrial, and research settings, locally in Cardiff, throughout the UK, and abroad in Europe and beyond.

While you are on placement, you will still be supported by School staff, who will visit your place of work and ensure that your placement delivers value for you.
Where is/was your placement?
The Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) base in Cwmbran High School.

What was your role there – what are some typical activities you engaged in?
My role is to support the students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in their mainstream academic work, as well as in their social skills and life skills.

My daily routine involves supporting the students with ASD in their lessons, guide them through their tasks in class and assist them in completing their homework. I also facilitate in social skills and life skills sessions taught by the staff in the ASD base such as building self-confidence, maintaining positive relationships, cooking etc.

Why did you like it?
I like it because I get to have direct contact with the students with ASD and can observe their behaviours and how ASD has affected their lives. The placement is helping me understand how students with ASD can sometimes be different in terms of communication and interaction with people.

This helps me to understand the knowledge that I have learnt from the lectures on ASD. It is also a pleasant experience that I could facilitate in the life skills and social skills sessions that are designed to help the students to cope better with their lives after they leave school. Moreover, I get to experience the work of an educational psychologist.

The educational psychologist works closely with the staff in the ASD base to help the students. The experience from this placement has inspired me to pursue my dream as an educational psychologist to help students with special educational needs.

Name one aspect of your placement that you think is useful for your future career development.
At the placement we have long hours of contact with the students, therefore it is important for us to constantly observe and monitor the change in their moods and behaviours. This is essential to the staff so that they know how to help and communicate with the students in the ASD base. I think my observational skills have improved during my placement which will be beneficial for me as a researcher or an educational psychologist.
Where is / was your placement?
I am currently on placement in a developmental psychology lab at the University of New South Wales, Sydney.

What was your role there – what are some typical activities you engaged in?
Since being here I’ve been able to help out in a lot of the research happening in the lab. For example, I have been running one study by myself, with the help of my supervisor. For this study I wrote the scripts using a coding software, scheduled the children to come in to the lab, ran the studies with the children and performed the data analysis. I am also going to help write the research paper. Furthermore, I am in charge of recruiting new parents to sign up to our database. For this I have updated the website, posted interesting developmental news articles on our facebook page and started a lab blog, where members of the lab and I write posts about research happening in our lab and new research from other developmental labs.

Why did you like it?
I really enjoy working with children and babies, so working in a developmental psychology lab is perfect for me! Development was one of my favourite modules in Cardiff, and so being able to witness how research on babies and young children is run has been fascinating.

Name one aspect of your placement that you think is useful for your future career development.
Being involved in research is going to be extremely beneficial for my final year project when I am back in Cardiff. From this placement year I have learnt that I definitely want to work with children in my future career.
Where is/was your placement?
Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology.

What was your role there – what are some typical activities you engaged in?
I am mainly based in Leipzig zoo running studies with chimpanzees using infra-red touchscreen technology to measure phenomena such as, transitive inference and metacognition. I will soon be starting a new meta-cognition study with orang-utans.

Why did you like it?
It’s been amazing to learn about and conduct experiments with non-human primates and to engage in discussions with leading researchers in the field of animal cognition.

Name one aspect of your placement that you think is useful for your future career development.
Attending lab meetings and seminars, discussing research both in its early stages and post publication, has been very beneficial and will certainly help me in my final year and in other future endeavours.
Where is/was your placement?
At the Birkbeck Babylab, which is part of the CBCD (Centre for Brain and Cognitive Development) at Birkbeck College (University of London).

What was your role there – what are some typical activities you engaged in?
The Babylab is a lab where research is conducted on various topics within the field of cognitive and developmental psychology. Participants are usually between 3 months to 3 years of age, but sometimes older children up to the age of 7-10 also participate in studies. I worked as a voluntary research assistant on a longitudinal project investigating the development of mimicry, helping during testing sessions and coding video recordings from the study amongst other things. I also made the most of the academic environment of Bloomsbury (where the lab is situated) by going to the weekly seminars and conferences held at the CBCD and at nearby institutions such as the UCL Institute of Cognitive Neurosciences or the Department of Experimental Psychology at Birkbeck College.

Why did you like it?
Being immersed in an academic research environment has allowed me to gain invaluable skills and knowledge on psychological research in general: it taught me about topics of research in psychology I would have never suspected existed and sparked my interest even further in the field of developmental psychology. I have learned to use specific software and been exposed to an incredible amount of pioneering technologies in psychological research. More generally, I have definitely learnt about the importance of putting yourself out there, having a clear idea of where you want your experiences to take you career-wise and to always jump at opportunities for advancement.

Name one aspect of your placement that you think is useful for your future career development.
The wealth and breadth of research being carried out in and around the CBCD (presented during all the weekly seminars and conferences) and the possibility to help on several projects at the Babylab has definitely opened my eyes to the variety of potential paths within the field of developmental psychology and research in particular. I would have never realised how vast, dynamic and modern the field is without this experience.
A successful research environment makes a positive contribution to your experience as a student. Staff who are at the top of their field include the latest knowledge in their lectures, get the best equipment for your practical work, and use grant money for summer bursaries and student research assistants.

Most importantly, staff who are passionate about their research are passionate about communicating it to their students. And with over 50 academic staff at the School, all of whom do world-class research, there’s something to interest everyone.

Research Facilities
The facilities are second to none. There are large numbers of testing booths, computers, eyetrackers, and big-testing labs. Even more exciting are the two new research institutes, CUBRIC, and the developmental centre, CUCHDS. These contain state-of-the art equipment and testing spaces, such as the 7T fMRI brain scanner, sleep labs, and the autism diagnosis centre. While you won’t get to use all the machines at the School, you will have tutorials in CUBRIC and CUCHDS, experience the equipment by being a participant and get to help out on the research projects.

Research During your Degree
You will be engaged in research from the start of your degree. In the first two years you will take part in experiments as participants and conduct original research yourselves during practicals. You also have the chance to work alongside research staff in the summer on one of the summer internship schemes. In the final year, you will conduct your own study as part of the final year project.

Research after your Degree
After you graduate you may want to continue investigating psychology. At Cardiff we have over 60 students studying for PhDs by research, 50 studying on taught MSc degrees, and a further 85 enrolled on Doctoral training programmes for Clinical Psychology and Educational Psychology. Many of these students started off as undergraduates here in Cardiff.

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Notes: The table shows the results of the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF) carried out in December 2014. The REF involves independent panels of experts assessing the quality of research in UK universities and colleges. The results are used to determine how much research money each university receives.
Rebecca Anthony
“For my PhD I am exploring parent-child relationship quality and child psychological well-being among adoptive families in Wales. I am part of the “Wales Adoption Study” based at Cardiff University, led by Dr Katherine Shelton. The study is being carried out by a multidisciplinary team aiming to provide vital evidence to promote successful adoption in Wales. I did an MSc in Social Sciences Research Methods from Cardiff before starting my PhD.”

Joshua Stevenson-Hoare
“I did my undergraduate degree here at Cardiff University and went straight from that into doing a PhD. I study the way that we perceive motion in sound when we are moving, with Professors Tom Freeman and John Culling. This involves playing different sounds to participants in our custom audiolab, and having them make decisions about how those sounds appear to be moving.”

Bianca Diaconu
“I was in Year Two of my undergraduate degree and did a summer research internship with Dr Lewis Bott. For me, applying to this placement was one of the best decisions I have ever made. It meant that I got the chance to consolidate many research design concepts learnt in year 1 and year 2 and get involved with real research. The project I worked on was part of Insciout, an exciting collaboration between scientists and journalists, which aims to reduce science exaggerations and misunderstandings in the media. The placement was also helpful in making me understand whether research is the right choice for me in my career. Therefore, I would strongly recommend it to anyone regardless of how they feel about research in general. All in all, it’s a great way of getting paid while you learn.”
Employability and Careers

The Psychology degrees at Cardiff will equip you with the skills you will need to embark on a wide range of possible careers.

Careers in Psychology

Students graduating from the School, have little difficulty in finding employment and enter an increasingly wide range of careers in both the public and private sectors. A Psychology degree is favoured by many potential employers because it reflects a university education which not only develops analytical skills, critical thinking and literacy but also numeracy and quantitative skills.

Psychologists are also employed on an increasingly wide scale in educational, health, and social services, for which appropriate postgraduate training is essential. This is why many of our graduates go on to continue their studies and also why it is important that both of the School’s programmes are recognised by the British Psychological Society.

Zoe Marjoram
NHS Graduate Management Trainee

“I loved my time at Cardiff University studying Psychology. I believe my degree, placement and volunteering helped me stand out from the crowd when applying for the NHS Graduate Scheme.”

Key Figures 2016

- Employment: 69%
- Further Study: 14%
- Employment and Further Study: 9%
- Other: 8%
To be considered for entry onto the course, you should apply online via the UCAS website at: www.ucas.com/apply

The website will provide you with information on how to apply and explain the procedure. Applications should be made by 15th January.

After we have received and considered your application, we may invite you to visit the School sometime during the period November to early April. There will not be a formal interview, but there will be a guided tour of the School, Students’ Union and campus. You will meet students and staff, providing us with the opportunity of getting to know more about you and enabling you to find out what life is like as a psychology student at Cardiff.

Typical number of places available in the first year: 200

Typical number of applications: 1,300

Typical Offers
We issue higher offers for students who apply to the BSc Psychology with Professional Placement degree (C810) than BSc Psychology (C800). This is because C810 is a more popular course and we have a limited number of places.

- **A-level C810**: A*AA
- **A-level C800**: AAA
- **IB C810**: 37 points overall, with a minimum of 18 at higher level.
- **IB C800**: 36 points overall, with a minimum of 18 at higher level.

Applicants offering A levels must have studied at least one science subject (e.g. Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology). General Studies is not acceptable as an A-level subject.

BTEC qualifications should be offered in conjunction with a science A level.

- **WBQ**: WBQ core will be accepted in lieu of one A-level (at the grades specified above).

We welcome applications from overseas students and from students offering different qualifications as well as relevant work experience.

Open Days
Four University-wide Open Days are typically held throughout the year and provide the opportunity to visit all schools in addition to residences, the Students’ Union and sports facilities.

Applicants to whom offers are made may also be invited to one of several Open Days run by the School of Psychology, which will provide more detailed information on the courses that we offer. The Admissions Tutors are very willing to discuss queries, either by email, telephone or letter.

Typical number of places available in the first year: 200

Typical number of applications: 1,300
Equal Opportunities
Cardiff University is committed to promoting equality and diversity in all of its practices and activities, including those relating to student recruitment, selection and admission. The University aims to establish an inclusive culture which welcomes and ensures equality of opportunity for applicants of all ages, ethnicities, disabilities, family structures, genders, nationalities, sexual orientations, races, religious or other beliefs, and socio-economic backgrounds. This commitment forms part of the Equality and Diversity Policy which is available at: www.cardiff.ac.uk/cocom/equalityanddiversity/index.html

Notes for Welsh Language Applicants
We recognise that if you are a Welsh speaker you may feel more comfortable speaking to a Welsh speaking personal tutor. Provided there are Welsh speaking members of staff in your subject area, every effort will be made to allocate a Welsh speaker to you. If you wish, you can also submit your assessed work and take your examinations through the medium of Welsh, regardless of the language of tuition of the course you are following.

Some of the accommodation at Senghennydd Court and Talybont North student residences has been allocated for Welsh speakers and learners who would like to be grouped together.

If you would like to take advantage of this please make a note of this on your accommodation form.

Applicants with Disabilities
The School of Psychology welcomes applications from disabled students and admits all students on the basis of their academic abilities alone. We encourage students to disclose their disabilities and/or specific learning requirements to enable us to make the necessary reasonable adjustments.

If you have a disability and would like to visit the School and talk to a member of staff about the courses we run and any specific requirements you may have, please feel free to contact us;
Tel: 029 2087 6707 or Email: psychology-ug@cardiff.ac.uk

Further information
Student Support Centre
50 Park Place
Cardiff CF10 3AT
Tel: 029 2087 4844
Email: studentsupportcentre@cardiff.ac.uk
Web: www.cardiff.ac.uk/studentsupport

Tuition Fees and Financial Assistance
The University charges an annual fee which covers all tuition fees, registration and examinations other than the re-taking of examinations by applicants not currently registered. Please note charges for accommodation in University Residences are additional.

Tuition Fees
Please see the following website for more information:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/fees

Scholarships and Bursaries
For more information please visit the following website:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/scholarships

Useful websites for information about tuition fees and financial assistance:
Student Support Centre website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/financialsupport/index.html
DfES Student Support web pages: www.dfes.gov.uk/studentsupport/
Student Finance Wales: www.studentfinancewales.co.uk
Student Finance England: www.studentfinanceengland.co.uk
Student Loans Company: www.slc.co.uk

International Students
Tuition fees are reviewed annually and are usually released in February/March. Details will be published on the following website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/international

Alternatively you may contact the International Office.
Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 4432
Email: international@cardiff.ac.uk
International Students
Cardiff University has a long tradition of welcoming international students.

With over 4,000 international students currently studying at Cardiff, representing over 100 countries, the University has a multi-cultural environment. We also have facilities to match, which include a strong International Office that offers help with visas, enrolment, finding accommodation and other practical matters that will make your life easier from the moment you apply to Cardiff.

The School of Psychology is internationally recognised in both research and teaching, and we have a correspondingly wide range of students and staff from all over the world. Currently we have students from Malaysia, China, India, Canada and the USA, as well as students from many different European countries. We are proud to have such a diverse range of students attend our School and we make every effort to make their study here a rewarding experience.

In-School Support
We provide plenty of in-school support for your academic and pastoral needs. There are free English classes if you would like help with any aspect of your English, drop-in stats help, as well as a dedicated personal tutor and International Support tutor.

Typical Offers
Our typical offer for international students is A*AA at A-level or 37 points in the International Baccalaureate, with 18 at Higher Level, but we also accept local equivalents (a selection of requirements for the most common countries is shown on the right).

International Foundation Year in Psychology
If your local qualifications are not recognised, or if you would like more tuition before studying for our Honors degree, we offer an International Foundation Year in Psychology. This will introduce you to the core concepts of Psychology and improve your English, Maths and science abilities. For more details please see the Cardiff International Foundation year webpage at: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/ifp](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/ifp)

Hong Kong
5, 5, 4 in 3 electives of the HKDSE, 4 in English and Maths core subjects.

India
School-leaving certificate (Standard XII) with 85% overall
No individual subjects below 75%

Malaysia
AAB in STPM
SPM English 1119 Grade B or above accepted in lieu of IELTS

Norway
Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skole (Upper Secondary Leaving Certificate) with a mark of at least 5.0 overall. This qualification should be endorsed with “general studiekompetanse”

Singapore
SIPCAL with AAB at H2

USA
SAT with a score of 650 in both elements and Grades 4 or 5 in two or more Advanced Placement tests.

* These are typical offers for the 4-year, BSc Psychology with Professional Placement course. Offers for the 3-year BSc Psychology course are slightly lower.
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How to find the School

We are located in the Tower Building, which sits at the heart of the Cathays Park Campus, a short walk from the city centre.

The building is very close to Cathays railway station and is easily accessible from University halls of residence.
To find out more about the School of Psychology, please visit our website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/psych

Got questions about student life? Get them answered at: www.cardiff.ac.uk/insiders

Some of our current students are sharing their experiences online through their Facebook pages, so if you want to know what life as a student at Cardiff is really like, then you can find out now. There is also lots of information about what is happening in Cardiff, including articles written by our students, videos, and much more.