

PSYCHOLOGIST

YOU'LL NEED TO:

- study a psychology degree accredited by The British Psychological Society (BPS)
- gain Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership

If you graduate from university with a degree in any other subject than psychology, or you have a psychology degree that is not accredited by the BPS you may be able to complete an approved psychology conversion course.

Once you have Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership you must complete an accredited postgraduate qualification in your chosen psychology specialism.

PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALISMS INCLUDE:

- clinical and health psychology
- counselling psychology
- educational psychology
- forensic psychology
- occupational psychology
- neuropsychology
- sport and exercise psychology

ADDITIONAL

Getting work experience during your studies will give you an advantage. Your university careers service can help you find year placement, volunteering and internship opportunities.

Competition for postgraduate training in all specialisms is strong. You'll need a first or upper second-class degree, and evidence of excellent research skills to apply. You'll also need relevant work experience. In some specialisms this could mean a minimum of 12 months working in a relevant role before you begin a postgraduate course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ACCREDITED PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE

You'll usually need:

2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent

A level – While you don't need to have all three sciences at A level for a psychology degree, most universities prefer at **least one out of chemistry, physics, biology, or maths.**

Overall, a combination of good, academic A level subjects is required. Psychology A level is desirable, but not usually required. **Other preferred subjects include sociology, geography, anthropology, economics, politics, philosophy, and history.** Literature A levels can be helpful because of the report writing you will inevitably be doing, and maths/statistics will help with the analytical component of the degree. General studies is usually not considered appropriate.

Entry requirements range from CCC to AAB, with the universities and colleges most commonly asking for BBB.