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**BA PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY (CV85)**  
**BA PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY (With Year Abroad) (CV58)**  
**BA PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY (With Placement Year) (C8V5)**

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study. The lead department for the management of this programme is the Department of Philosophy.

**For students entering from October 2026**

**Level 1 (Certificate)**

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 60 credits:

		<b>Credit value</b>
The Philosophical Traditions	<a href="#">PHIL1091</a>	20
Introduction to Psychological Research #	<a href="#">PSYC1062</a>	40

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List A:

<b>List A:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Ethics and Values	<a href="#">PHIL1011</a>	20
Knowledge, Minds and Reality	<a href="#">PHIL1021</a>	20
Reading Philosophy	<a href="#">PHIL1041</a>	20
Being Human: An Introduction to Post-Kantian Philosophy	<a href="#">PHIL1101</a>	20
Science, Medicine and Society	<a href="#">PHIL1111</a>	20

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List B. PSYC 1081 is only available to students who have passed Biology A2 level at Grade B or higher, or an equivalent.

<b>List B:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Introduction to Psychology 1: Cognitive and Biological Psychology #	<a href="#">PSYC1071</a>	20
Introduction to Psychology 2: Developmental and Social Psychology #	<a href="#">PSYC1081</a>	20

**Level 2 (Diploma)**

5. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 100 credits:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Philosophy of Mind	<a href="#">PHIL2011</a>	20
Social and Developmental Psychology	<a href="#">PSYC2271</a>	20
Cognitive and Biological Psychology	<a href="#">PSYC2241</a>	20
Advanced Research Methods and Statistics #	<a href="#">PSYC2232</a>	40

6. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in one module to the value of 20 credits from List C1 - C3:

<b>List C1: L2 Philosophy Optional Modules (two-term)</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Philosophy of Religion	<a href="#">PHIL2091</a>	20
Philosophy of Science	<a href="#">PHIL2151</a>	20
History, Science and Medicine	<a href="#">PHIL2191</a>	20

<b>List C2: L2 Philosophy Optiona; Modules (Michaelmas Term Only)</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Early Modern Mavericks	<a href="#">PHIL2031</a>	20
Political Philosophy	<a href="#">PHIL2081</a>	20
The Philosophy of Economics and Politics	<a href="#">PHIL2171</a>	20

Feminist Philosophy	<a href="#">PHIL2201</a>	20
Epistemology	<a href="#">PHIL2211</a>	20

**List C3: L2 Philosophy Optional Modules (Epiphany Term Only)**

Language, Logic and Reality	<a href="#">PHIL2021</a>	20
Moral Theory	<a href="#">PHIL2041</a>	20
Fundamentals of Logic	<a href="#">PHIL2181</a>	20
World Philosophies	<a href="#">PHIL2221</a>	20

**Level 3 (Degree)**

7. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 60 credits:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Individual Differences and Mental Health	PSYC****	20
Psychology Project ~	<a href="#">PSYC3041</a>	20
Philosophy Short Dissertation ~	<a href="#">PHIL3101</a>	20

8. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List D:

<b>List D:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Kant's Critical Philosophy and Other Revolutions	<a href="#">PHIL3011</a>	20
Philosophical Issues in Contemporary Science	<a href="#">PHIL3021</a>	20
Aesthetics	<a href="#">PHIL3031</a>	20
20th-Century European Philosophy	<a href="#">PHIL3051</a>	20
Issues in Contemporary Ethics	<a href="#">PHIL3131</a>	20
Metaphysics	<a href="#">PHIL3171</a>	20
History and Philosophy of Psychiatry	<a href="#">PHIL3181</a>	20
Formal and Philosophical Logic	<a href="#">PHIL3201</a>	20
Ethics in Business Practice	<a href="#">PHIL3191</a>	20
Biomedical Ethics, Past and Present	<a href="#">PHIL3211</a>	20
Philosophy, Climate Change and the Environment ( (Single-Term module, available in both Michaelmas and Epiphany)	<a href="#">PHIL3221</a>	20

**Assessment, progression and award**

9. Modules marked # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.
10. Modules marked ~ must be passed at 40% or above. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.

**Professional Accreditation**

11. This programme is accredited on an ongoing basis as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society. Students entering in and after October Year Abroad:
  - a. The empirical project (PSYC 3041) must be passed in order to achieve Graduate Basis for Chartered membership.
  - b. A minimum of a second-class honours degree is required to gain eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartered membership.

**Year 3 (Year Abroad)**

12. Candidates wishing to transfer to BA Philosophy and Psychology (with Year Abroad) (CV58) must:
  - a. have successfully completed BA Philosophy and Psychology (CV85) Level 1 and progressed to Level 2 of the honours programme.
  - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in Philosophy to be admitted to the BA Philosophy and Psychology (with Year Abroad) (CV58) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies in Philosophy.
  - c. successfully complete Level 2 of the Philosophy and Psychology (CV85) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy and Psychology (CV85) honours programme.

13. Students will undertake an approved placement in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the programme director and the host institution. Courses relating to Philosophy or Psychology should normally comprise a minimum of 50% of those taken.
14. Students whom the Board of Examiners deems to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad, judged by reference to each student's learning agreement, will continue to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy and Psychology (with Year Abroad) (CV58). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Philosophy and Psychology (with Year Abroad) (CV58) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Philosophy and Psychology programme (CV85).

### **Year 3 (Placement)**

15. Students admitted to the BA Philosophy and Psychology (CV85) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Philosophy and Psychology (with Placement Year) programme (C8V5). Students taking the BA Philosophy and Psychology (with Placement Year) (C8V5) will undertake an approved placement or placements in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.

Following the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete a placement assessment as agreed by the Department, to determine whether the programme learning outcomes have been met. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Philosophy and Psychology (with Placement Year) (C8V5) programme. If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Philosophy and Psychology (CV85) programme.

16. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Philosophy and Psychology (with Placement Year) (C8V5) must:
  - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Philosophy and Psychology (CV85) and progressed to Level 2 of the Honours programme; and
  - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Philosophy to be admitted to the BA Philosophy and Psychology (with Placement) (C8V5) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and
  - c. secure a placement/year abroad opportunity or opportunities comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Departmental Placement Year Convenor and Faculty Placement Officer; and
  - d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Philosophy and Psychology (CV85) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy and Psychology (CV85) programme.
17. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Philosophy deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy and Psychology (with Placement Year) (C8V5). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Philosophy and Psychology (with Placement Year) (C8V5) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Philosophy and Psychology programme (CV85).

## For students entering up to and including October 2025

### Level 1 (Certificate)

1. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 60 credits:

		<b>Credit value</b>
The Philosophical Traditions	<a href="#">PHIL1091</a>	20
Introduction to Psychological Research #	<a href="#">PSYC1062</a>	40

2. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List A:

<b>List A:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Ethics and Values	<a href="#">PHIL1011</a>	20
Knowledge, Minds and Reality	<a href="#">PHIL1021</a>	20
Reading Philosophy	<a href="#">PHIL1041</a>	20
Being Human: An Introduction to Post-Kantian Philosophy	<a href="#">PHIL1101</a>	20
Science, Medicine and Society	<a href="#">PHIL1111</a>	20

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List B. PSYC 1081 is only available to students who have passed Biology A2 level at Grade B or higher, or an equivalent.

<b>List B:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
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Introduction to Psychology 2: Developmental and Social Psychology #	<a href="#">PSYC1081</a>	20

### Level 2 (Diploma)

4. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 80 credits:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Philosophy of Mind	<a href="#">PHIL2011</a>	20
Social and Developmental Psychology	<a href="#">PSYC2271</a>	20
Cognitive and Biological Psychology	<a href="#">PSYC2241</a>	20
Advanced Psychological Research for non-single honours students	<a href="#">PSYC2261</a>	20

5. Candidates must study and be assessed in two of the following modules from Lists C1, C2 and C3, to the value of 40 credits. No more than one module may be selected from either List C2 or List C3.

<b>List C1: L2 Philosophy Optional Modules (two-term)</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
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<b>List C2: L2 Philosophy Optional Modules (Michaelmas Term Only)</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Early Modern Mavericks (subject to timetable compatibility)	<a href="#">PHIL2031</a>	20
Political Philosophy	<a href="#">PHIL2081</a>	20
The Philosophy of Economics and Politics	<a href="#">PHIL2171</a>	20
Feminist Philosophy	<a href="#">PHIL2201</a>	20
Epistemology	<a href="#">PHIL2211</a>	20

<b>List C3: L2 Philosophy Optional Modules (Epiphany Term Only)</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Language, Logic and Reality	<a href="#">PHIL2021</a>	20
Moral Theory	<a href="#">PHIL2041</a>	20
Fundamentals of Logics	<a href="#">PHIL2181</a>	20
World Philosophies (subject to timetable compatibility)	<a href="#">PHIL2221</a>	20

### Level 3 (Degree)

6. Candidates must study and be assessed in **all** of the following modules to the value of 60 credits:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Differential and Clinical Psychology	<a href="#">PSYC2251</a>	20
Psychology Project ~	<a href="#">PSYC3041</a>	20
Philosophy Short Dissertation ~	<a href="#">PHIL3101</a>	20

7. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in **one** of the following modules, to the value of 20 credits:

<b>List D</b>		<b>Credit Value</b>
Perception from the lab to the real world	<a href="#">PSYC3871</a>	20
Psychological and Neural Mechanisms of Learning and Memory in Health and Disease	<a href="#">PSYC3851</a>	20
Organisational Psychology – Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity	<a href="#">PSYC3861</a>	20
Behaviour Change: Foundations, Advances, and Applications	<a href="#">PSYC3831</a>	20
Developmental Neurodivergence	<a href="#">PSYC3951</a>	20
Developmental Cognition	<a href="#">PSYC3981</a>	20
The Use and Misuse of Statistics in Psychological Research	<a href="#">PSYC3901</a>	20
Forensic Psychology	<a href="#">PSYC3961</a>	20
Current Issues in Mental Health	<a href="#">PSYC3841</a>	20
Evolution, Culture and Behaviour	<a href="#">PSYC3931</a>	20
The Psychology of Social Relations	<a href="#">PSYC3891</a>	20
Promoting Physical Health and Wellbeing	<a href="#">PSYC3881</a>	20
Clinical Neuropsychology: Research to Practice	<a href="#">PSYC3921</a>	20
Face and Body Perception	<a href="#">PSYC3941</a>	20

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