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**[First intake 2027-28]**

**BSc Biology and Psychology (CF17)**

**BSc Biology and Psychology with Year Abroad (CF18)**

**BSc Biology and Psychology with Placement Year (CF19)**

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study. The lead department is Natural Sciences.

**Level 1 (Certificate)**

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Genetics	<a href="#">BIOL1171</a>	20
Physiology	<a href="#">BIOL1151</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 20 credits from List A:

<b>List A:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Introduction to Psychology 1 #	<a href="#">PSYC1071</a>	20
Introduction to Psychology 2 # \$	<a href="#">PSYC1081</a>	20

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List B:

<b>List B:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Organisms and their Environment	<a href="#">BIOL1161</a>	20
Molecules and Cells	<a href="#">BIOL1281</a>	20
A module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study ⊖		20
Module(s) from those subjects listed in Paragraph 2 of the BSc Natural Sciences programme (CFG0) regulations		20

**Level 2 (Diploma)**

5. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		<b>Credit Value</b>
Molecular Biology	<a href="#">BIOL2441</a>	20
Integrated Physiological Systems	<a href="#">BIOL2521</a>	20
Advanced Research Methods and Statistics #	<a href="#">PSYC2232</a>	40
Cognitive and Biological Psychology	<a href="#">PSYC2241</a>	20
Social & Developmental Psychology	<a href="#">PSYC2271</a>	20

**Level 3 (Degree)**

6. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		<b>Credit Value</b>
Ageing	<a href="#">BIOL3591</a>	20
Genomics	<a href="#">BIOL3651</a>	20

Contemporary Issues in the Biosciences	<a href="#">BIOL3641</a>	20
Literature Review	<a href="#">BIOL3451</a>	20
Psychology Project ~	<a href="#">PSYC3041</a>	20
Individual Differences and Mental Health	PSYC****	20

### Assessment, progression and award

7. Modules marked with a # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.
8. Modules marked \$ are only available to students who have passed Biology A2 level at Grade B or higher, or an equivalent.
9. Only one module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study marked  $\Theta$  may be taken at Level 1.
10. Modules marked with ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30 – 39% cannot be compensated.

### Year Abroad

11. Students admitted to the BSc Biology and Psychology (CF17) programme are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Biology and Psychology (with Year Abroad) programme (CF18). Students undertaking the BSc Biology and Psychology (with Year Abroad) (CF18) programme will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the programme director and the host institution. During the year abroad students will be assessed at module level by the host University. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BSc Biology and Psychology (with Year Abroad) (CF18).
12. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BSc Biology and Psychology (with Year Abroad) (CF18) must:
  - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BSc Biology and Psychology (CF17) programme 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 Biology (the lead Department for the programme) to be admitted to the BSc Biology and Psychology (with Year Abroad) (CF18) and have their application approved by the Chairs of the Boards of Studies in the Department of Biology and the Department of Psychology, and;
  - c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BSc Biology and Psychology (CF17) programme so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BSc Biology and Psychology (CF17) programme.
13. Students who the Board of Examiners for the Department of Biology deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BSc Biology and Psychology (with Year Abroad) (CF18) programme. Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BSc Biology and Psychology (with Year Abroad) (CF18) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BSc Biology and Psychology (CF17) programme.

### Placement Year

14. Students admitted to the BSc Biology and Psychology (CF17) programme are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Biology and Psychology (with Placement Year) programme (CF19). Students taking the BSc Biology and Psychology (with Placement Year) (CF19) will undertake an approved placement 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 BSc Biology and Psychology (with Placement Year) (CF19). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BSc Biology and Psychology (CF17) programme.
15. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BSc Biology and Psychology (with Placement Year) (CF19) must:

- a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BSc Biology and Psychology (CF17) 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 Biology to be admitted to the BSc Biology and Psychology (with Placement Year) (CF19) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and
  - c. secure a placement opportunity 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 BSc Biology and Psychology (CF17) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BSc Biology and Psychology (CF17).
16. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Biology deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BSc Biology and Psychology (with Placement Year) (CF19). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BSc Biology and Psychology (with Placement Year) (CF19) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BSc Biology and Psychology programme (CF17).

### **Professional accreditation**

17. This programme is accredited on an ongoing basis as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society.
18. The empirical project (PSYC 3041) must be passed in order to achieve Graduate Basis for Chartered membership.
19. A minimum of a second class honours degree is required to gain eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartered membership.