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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:

		Credit value
The Philosophical Traditions	PHIL1091	20
Introduction to Psychological Research #	PSYC1062	40

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

List A:		Credit value
Ethics and Values	PHIL1011	20
Knowledge, Minds and Reality	PHIL1021	20
Reading Philosophy	PHIL1041	20
Being Human: An Introduction to Post-Kantian Philosophy	PHIL1101	20
Science, Medicine and Society	PHIL1111	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.

List B:		Credit value
Introduction to Psychology 1: Cognitive and Biological Psychology #	PSYC1071	20
Introduction to Psychology 2: Developmental and Social Psychology #	PSYC1081	20

Level 2 (Diploma)

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

		Credit value
Philosophy of Mind	PHIL2011	20
Social and Developmental Psychology	PSYC2271	20
Cognitive and Biological Psychology	PSYC2241	20
Advanced Research Methods and Statistics #	PSYC2232	40

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

List C1: L2 Philosophy Optional Modules (two-term)		Credit value
Philosophy of Religion	PHIL2091	20
Philosophy of Science	PHIL2151	20
History, Science and Medicine	PHIL2191	20

List C2: L2 Philosophy Optiona; Modules (Michaelmas Term Only)		Credit value
Early Modern Mavericks	PHIL2031	20
Political Philosophy	PHIL2081	20
The Philosophy of Economics and Politics	PHIL2171	20

Feminist Philosophy	PHIL2201	20
Epistemology	PHIL2211	20

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

Language, Logic and Reality	PHIL2021	20
Moral Theory	PHIL2041	20
Fundamentals of Logic	PHIL2181	20
World Philosophies	PHIL2221	20

Level 3 (Degree)

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

		Credit value
Individual Differences and Mental Health	PSYC****	20
Psychology Project ~	PSYC3041	20
Philosophy Short Dissertation ~	PHIL3101	20

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

List D:		Credit value
Kant's Critical Philosophy and Other Revolutions	PHIL3011	20
Philosophical Issues in Contemporary Science	PHIL3021	20
Aesthetics	PHIL3031	20
20th-Century European Philosophy	PHIL3051	20
Issues in Contemporary Ethics	PHIL3131	20
Metaphysics	PHIL3171	20
History and Philosophy of Psychiatry	PHIL3181	20
Formal and Philosophical Logic	PHIL3201	20
Ethics in Business Practice	PHIL3191	20
Biomedical Ethics, Past and Present	PHIL3211	20
Philosophy, Climate Change and the Environment (Michaelmas Term) (Single-Term module)	PHIL3221	20
Philosophy, Climate Change and the Environment (Epiphany Term) (Single-Term module)	PHIL3241	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)

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Introduction to Psychological Research #	PSYC1062	40

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

List A:		Credit value
Ethics and Values	PHIL1011	20
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Reading Philosophy	PHIL1041	20
Being Human: An Introduction to Post-Kantian Philosophy	PHIL1101	20
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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.

List B:		Credit value
Introduction to Psychology 1: Cognitive and Biological Psychology #	PSYC1071	20
Introduction to Psychology 2: Developmental and Social Psychology #	PSYC1081	20

Level 2 (Diploma)

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

		Credit value
Philosophy of Mind	PHIL2011	20
Social and Developmental Psychology	PSYC2271	20
Cognitive and Biological Psychology	PSYC2241	20
Advanced Psychological Research for non-single honours students	PSYC2261	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.

List C1: L2 Philosophy Optional Modules (two-term)		Credit value
Philosophy of Religion	PHIL2091	20
Philosophy of Science	PHIL2151	20
History, Science and Medicine	PHIL2191	20

List C2: L2 Philosophy Optional Modules (Michaelmas Term Only)		Credit value
Early Modern Mavericks (subject to timetable compatibility)	PHIL2031	20
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Language, Logic and Reality	PHIL2021	20
Moral Theory	PHIL2041	20
Fundamentals of Logics	PHIL2181	20
World Philosophies (subject to timetable compatibility)	PHIL2221	20

Level 3 (Degree)

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

		Credit value
Differential and Clinical Psychology	PSYC2251	20
Psychology Project ~	PSYC3041	20
Philosophy Short Dissertation ~	PHIL3101	20

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

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

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List E		Credit value
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Philosophical Issues in Contemporary Science	PHIL3021	20
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Formal and Philosophical Logic	PHIL3201	20
Biomedical Ethics Past and Present	PHIL3211	20
Philosophy, Climate Change and the Environment (single-term module, running in both Michaelmas and Epiphany terms)	PHIL3221	20

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