

## Psychology (Experimental) Information Sheet for entry in 2018

Psychology has been defined as the science of mental life and its scope includes a wide variety of issues. It addresses such questions as: How do we perceive colours? How do children acquire language? What predisposes two people to get on with each other? What causes schizophrenia?

Psychology at Oxford is a scientific discipline, involving the rigorous formulation and testing of ideas. It works through experiments and systematic observation rather than introspection.

The Oxford Experimental Psychology Department is widely regarded as one of the leading psychology departments in the UK. The department's size and its commitment to excellence in teaching and research means there are typically four or five research seminars each week, in addition to undergraduate lectures and classes. At present, there are particularly strong research groups in the fields of human cognitive processes, neuroscience, language, developmental psychology, social psychology and psychological disorders.

### Fieldwork/international opportunities

A wide choice of research projects is available to students in their final year, including projects based in other departments and outside the University.

### A typical weekly timetable

- Terms 1 and 2: About six lectures and two–three tutorials
- Terms 3–8: About six lectures, one–two tutorials and one practical class. You will also carry out your own research project and be given the opportunity to write a library dissertation and undertake independent research
- Term 9: About two revision lectures or tutorials and final examinations

Terms 1 and 2	
<b>Courses</b> Three introductory courses are taken out of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Psychology</li><li>• Philosophy</li><li>• Linguistics</li><li>• Neurophysiology</li><li>• Probability theory and statistics*</li></ul>	<b>Assessment</b> First University examinations: Three written papers
<i>*Students must sit the examination in Probability theory and statistics either at Prelims (first University examinations) or as a qualifying examination.</i>	



### Terms 3–5

#### Courses

Students will study core subjects in Psychology covering:

- Cognitive psychology
- Biological psychology
- Developmental psychology
- Social psychology
- Individual differences

#### Assessment

Final University examinations, Part I:  
Five written papers, covering all core subjects  
Practical portfolio

### Terms 6–9

#### Courses

Students will choose either:

- Three advanced options or
- Two advanced options and a library dissertation

*A full list of current options is available on the [Psychology website](#).*

Students can carry out practical work in Psychology:

- Lab-based 'block' practicals
- Research project

#### Assessment

Final University examinations, Part II:  
Research project, practical portfolio  
Three written papers (or two written papers and a library dissertation)

The University will seek to deliver each course in accordance with the descriptions set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after registration. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions.

## Fees

Oxford University is committed to recruiting the best and brightest students from all backgrounds. We offer a generous package of financial support to Home/EU students from lower-income households. (UK nationals living in the UK are usually Home students.)

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2018.

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Overseas	£18,620	£7,570	£26,190

Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

### **Additional Fees and Charges Information for Psychology (Experimental)**

There are no compulsory costs for this course beyond the fees shown above and your living costs.

## Living Costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £1,014 and £1,556 per month in 2018-19. Undergraduate courses usually consist of three terms of eight weeks each, but as a guide you may wish to budget over a nine-month period to ensure you also have sufficient funds during the holidays to meet essential costs.

### Living costs breakdown

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£258	£361	£2,318	£3,245
Accommodation (including utilities)	£536	£677	£4,824	£6,093
Personal items	£118	£263	£1,066	£2,364
Social activities	£41	£123	£369	£1,105
Study costs	£39	£85	£348	£765
Other	£22	£47	£202	£419
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,014</b>	<b>£1,556</b>	<b>£9,127</b>	<b>£13,991</b>

When planning your finances for future years of study at Oxford beyond 2018-19, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

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