Psychology (Experimental) Information Sheet for entry in 2016

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

Psychology at Oxford is essentially 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 research, as well as to excellence in teaching, 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.

Work placements/international opportunities

A wide choice of research projects is available, including projects based in other departments and outside the University.

A typical weekly timetable

- Terms 1 and 2: About 6 lectures and 2-3 tutorials
- Terms 3-9: About 6 lectures, 1-2 tutorials and 1 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

Terms 1 and 2

Courses

Three courses are taken out of:

- Psychology
- Philosophy
- Linguistics
- Neurophysiology

Assessment

First University examinations

Three written papers
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**Terms 3–5**

**Courses**

Nine courses are taken, including the eight core topics:

- Cognitive neuroscience
- Behavioural neuroscience
- Perception
- Memory, attention and information processing
- Language and cognition
- Developmental psychology
- Social psychology
- Personality, individual differences and psychological disorders

Plus one course in:

- Experimental design and statistics

**Assessment**

Final University examinations, Part I:
- Four written papers
- Practical portfolio

**Terms 6–9**

**Courses**

Three advanced option courses in psychology are taken. One option can be a library dissertation. The courses change each year to reflect advances in psychology.

Research project

**Assessment**

Final University examinations, Part II:
- Research project report
- 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

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2016.

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<th>Fee Status</th>
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Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University’s Terms and Conditions.

Living Costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £970 and £1,433 per month in 2016-17. 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

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