

Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics Information Sheet for entry in 2016

There are close connections between these three subjects, so studying them together makes a lot of sense. Psychology includes subjects as diverse as social interaction, learning, child development, schizophrenia and information processing. Philosophy is concerned with a wide range of questions including ethics, knowledge and the nature of mind. Linguistics is the study of language in all its aspects, including the structure of languages, meaning (semantics), how children learn language, pronunciation, and how people understand, mentally represent and generate language.



Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics 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. At present, there are particularly strong groups in the fields of human cognitive processes, neuroscience, language, developmental and social psychology.

The Oxford Philosophy Faculty is the largest philosophy department in the UK, and one of the largest in the world. Many faculty members have a worldwide reputation, and library and other facilities are acknowledged as among the best in the country. Philosophy at Oxford has active interests in the philosophy of mind and the philosophy of science, and has very close links with those working in neuroscience and psychology.

The Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics brings together internationally renowned scholars working in theoretical and descriptive linguistics (especially Syntax, Semantics and Phonology), Experimental Phonetics, Psycholinguistics, linguistics of the Romance languages, Historical Linguistics and Comparative Philology. Unlike other subjects in the humanities, it includes two scientific research laboratories – the Language and Brain Laboratory and the Phonetics Laboratory.

Work placements/international opportunities

A wide choice of third-year research projects is available, including research 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 may 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 from:

- Psychology
- Philosophy
- Linguistics
- Neurophysiology
- Statistics

Assessment

First University examinations:

Three written papers

Terms 3–9

Courses

After the second term, students can continue to follow a bipartite degree (Psychology and Philosophy, Psychology and Linguistics, or Philosophy and Linguistics) or, subject to their college's approval, a tripartite degree (Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics).

Students choosing Psychology take four of the eight courses in Experimental Psychology in terms 3–5, plus a course in Experimental Design and Statistics, followed by one, two or three advanced options in Psychology in terms 6–8.

Students choosing Philosophy take from three to five courses in Philosophy, from a wide range including Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Cognitive Science. For details see

www.philosophy.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate

Students choosing Linguistics take from three to five courses in Linguistics. For further details, see the Paper A and Paper B options at:

www.ling-phil.ox.ac.uk/undergrads#fhs

Students opting for a bipartite degree may take a single paper in the third subject. Students opting for the tripartite degree must take at least two courses in each of the three subjects of Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics.

Assessment

Final University examinations: Eight papers; practical portfolio (for Psychology); a research project or thesis may also be taken (depending upon the combination of courses).

Students choosing Psychology take the equivalent of two written papers in Psychology in the second year based on the core courses (see the Course Information Sheet for Psychology).

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.

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU	£9,000	£0	£9,000
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,000	£0	£9,000
Overseas	£17,555	£7,135	£24,690

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

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£265	£298	£2,384	£2,673
Accommodation (including utilities)	£469	£667	£4,221	£6,002
Personal items	£119	£244	£1,073	£2,187
Social activities	£60	£107	£539	£960
Study costs	£36	£73	£314	£661

Other	£19	£44	£197	£410
Total	£970	£1,433	£8,727	£12,894

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