Is this course for me?

If you are a highly motivated student who is passionate about studying psychology, the University of Oxford offers an outstanding environment in which to study. The course will introduce topics that may be completely new to you but is sufficiently flexible so that you do not have to decide immediately the areas in which you will ultimately specialize.

We strongly recommend that you study one or more Science or Mathematics subjects to A2 level or equivalent, as you will need to be analytical and have good numerical skills.

What qualifications will I need?

Candidates will need to have a very good track record of academic achievement, excellent A level grade predictions (or equivalent) and a very strong UCAS reference. For example, we normally expect students who have taken GCSEs to have at least 8 A* grades, including at least an A grade at A2 in Mathematics.

Our standard offer is a 3.5 at A2 level for other qualifications, see www.psy.ox.ac.uk/undergrad

What can I do after I finish my degree?

Many of our students go on to do a postgraduate master or doctorate either here, at Oxford or at other institutions within the United Kingdom or overseas. Our degree will also enable you to enter a wide range of careers from commercial, industrial, media and the professions. Some students go on to medical qualifications from which they will be well-placed to become neurologists or psychiatrists.

Get in touch...

Our website www.psy.ox.ac.uk provides more information on the course, advice on applying and suggested reading, as well as information about the Department and its excellent and award winning research.

We strongly encourage you to come along as it is an excellent opportunity to find out more about the course, meet current students and attend a series of interesting lectures related to the research done in the Department.

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BA in Experimental Psychology (C830)

The Department of Experimental Psychology is widely regarded as one of the leading psychology departments in the United Kingdom with strong research in fields of human cognitive processes, neuropsychology, language, developmental and social psychology.

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The Pre-Admissions Test

Given the very strong competition for places, all applicants are required to sit the Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA). All applicants who apply for Experimental Psychology (C830) or Experimental Psychology & Philosophy (CV85) must register for and sit the Pre-Admissions Test (PAT).

Please be sure to check which colleges offer Experimental Psychology and Psychology & Philosophy by checking our website www.psy.ox.ac.uk/undergrad

What is the role of the college?

All students who come to Oxford University become a member of an Oxford College. Each college has its own particular history, ethos and architecture but the quality of teaching you receive is identical. Oxford colleges also provide students with affordable accommodation for at least two (and often for all three) years of the course and as social hubs. The extracurricular opportunities to be found within colleges are almost limitless and whatever your interests – music, drama, sports, politics – there will be a society for you in Oxford.

What are the tutors looking for?

In addition to looking for a very good track record of academic achievement, tutors are keen to see whether you appreciate the scope of scientific psychology; can evaluate evidence; are able to consider issues from different perspectives; have a capacity for logical and creative thinking; appreciate the importance of empirical evidence in supporting arguments; and could cope with the quantitative demands of the course. It is not possible to invite all applicants for an interview. The decision to invite an applicant takes into account all aspects of their application.

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Psychology has been defined as the science of mental life. It looks at perception, memory, emotion and so forth in adults and children and is a science in the sense that it seeks to understand the mind and behaviour through experimentation and observation. Its scope includes questions as diverse as: How do we perceive colour? How do children acquire language? What causes schizophrenia? What is unique about the human brain?

The BA in Experimental Psychology degree is accredited by the BPS (British Psychological Society). Such recognition is necessary for most postgraduate courses leading to professional practice in psychology.

**Why Study Psychology at Oxford?**

The department is one of Britain’s most active in psychology with an outstanding international reputation. Experimental Psychology has excellent facilities and has very close links with neuroscience, including neuroanatomy and neurophysiology, and psychology. Students benefit directly from the fact that the Department is one of Britain’s most active institutions for psychological research, with an outstanding international reputation.

**Undergraduate Psychology at Oxford is taught as a scientific discipline, involving substantial amounts of practical work and experimentation. The courses concern both biological, human experimental, cognitive, social and developmental psychology.** (Psychology and related areas are not taught as part of this course).

The degree is intellectually stimulating and you will be encouraged to take a critical and enquiring approach to your studies. Our teaching aims at supporting and developing you as an individual, so you may maximize your full potential.

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**Teaching at Oxford**

**Oxford University’s greatest asset is the ‘Tutored hour’**. The tutored hour means that you are likely to meet many more present-tutor interaction and greater pastoral support than many other universities can offer. The tutorial consists of a one-hour meeting, once a week, between the tutor and student.

During the first year of work (typical an essay) is considered and commented upon, with discussion and feedback not going beyond the original topic. At the end of the tutorial, the tutor gives a sense of the student’s progress and suggestions for the following week and suggests research. Apart from tutorials, on courses are designed to tell you what the important ideas, theories and empirical research in psychology, and stimulate further thought and discussion about each research area, with further discussions taking place in tutorials and practicals.

**Practical Classes**

As this is a department of experimental psychology, you will have your opportunity to perform your own research throughout your course. These practical classes prepare you to perform your own piece of research in your final year. Computer based material plays an important role in some psychology.

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**Final Examinations**

The study of psychological factors across the entire population and specific forms of psychological processing that appear to be dysfunctional in particular groups of people.