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College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies

# BSc Psychology

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# Course Overview

Psychology is the study of behaviour and mental processes, and includes individual and social, human and animal, basic and applied aspects. Most people find psychology intrinsically interesting and even a little knowledge of psychology is useful in most career paths. The School of Psychology provides modules in several key areas of Psychology including, for example, Cognitive Psychology, Social Psychology, Developmental Psychology and Research Methods. The BSc course satisfies the requirements for graduate membership of relevant professional societies (the Psychological Society of Ireland and the British Psychological Society).

## Psychology and your career

Students might consider studying for a psychology degree if interested in becoming a professional psychologist in applied areas such as clinical psychology, the health services, education or industry; teaching and carrying out psychological research in a university or other research centre; or improving their general education by studying an interesting and useful discipline with careers of a more general type in mind, for example, the media, information technology or management.

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| **Course Name:** | BSc Psychology |
| **CAO Code:** | GY104 |
| **Course Level:** | 8 |
| **Duration:** | 4 years |
| **CAO Entry Points 2026:** | 534 |
| **Entry Requirements:** | Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language, and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes. |

# Denominated BSc in Psychology

Students admitted to the **BSc (Psychology) - CAO Code GY104** will take the subject Psychology in First Arts together with two other subjects. Having passed First Arts successfully, students will study Psychology as a stand-alone subject after first year in second, third, and fourth-year. Therefore, students in this programme study pure Psychology in their second, third and fourth years and acquire a qualification that is accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI).

There are 15 places available for eligible students on GY101 BA (Joint Honours) and GY129 BA (Global Experience) inclusive to transfer into the second year of the BSc (Psychology) programme. There are 100 places for students entering Psychological Studies in Second Year i.e. continuing with Psychological Studies as one of their subjects to degree level. All places will be decided on academic merit in that discipline, based on the results of the first sitting (Semester 1 and Semester 2) of the First Arts Examination in the student's first year of attendance, where the student must have passed the First Arts examination outright by achieving an average of 40% or higher in each of their subjects.

**IMPORTANT**: Students will not be allowed to repeat First Arts Psychology with a view to improving performance.

# Career Opportunities

Psychology prepares you for a diversity of interdisciplinary fields, including neuroscience, sports science, health promotion and education. Graduates have gone on to do further training to become professional psychologists (e.g., a clinical or occupational psychologist) and work in a variety of settings. For example, in the health services, they treat mental health issues; in educational settings, they identify learning needs; and in industry, they work on recruitment and retention. Researchers in the field of psychology also work as lecturers in third-level colleges or other research settings. Many graduates also find their psychology degree helps them in nonpsychology professions, such as banking, the media, information technology and management and the criminal justice system.

The BSc in Psychology provides the foundation for professional careers in psychology, as well as careers in a host of cognate areas. Graduates are to be found across all employment sectors, including:

- Social and health services
- Counselling and therapy
- Industry and commerce
- Civil service
- Education
- The defence forces
- Journalism and the media
- Sport and recreation
- Organisation and management
- The criminal justice system

## Study Abroad

Students have the option (subject to academic performance and availability of places) to study abroad during third year, at a European partner university through the Erasmus programme.

## Work Placement

In third year, there will be a limited number of work placements relevant to psychology.

## Further Study

Completing the BSc (Psychology) will enable a graduate to gain access to further training to become a professional psychologist or to undertake a research degree in psychology (e.g., a PhD in Psychology). The degree qualifies graduates for entry to specialist postgraduate professional programmes in Ireland, the UK, the USA and elsewhere.

## Find Out More

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