Brunel University of London

Online MSc in Psychological Sciences (Conversion)

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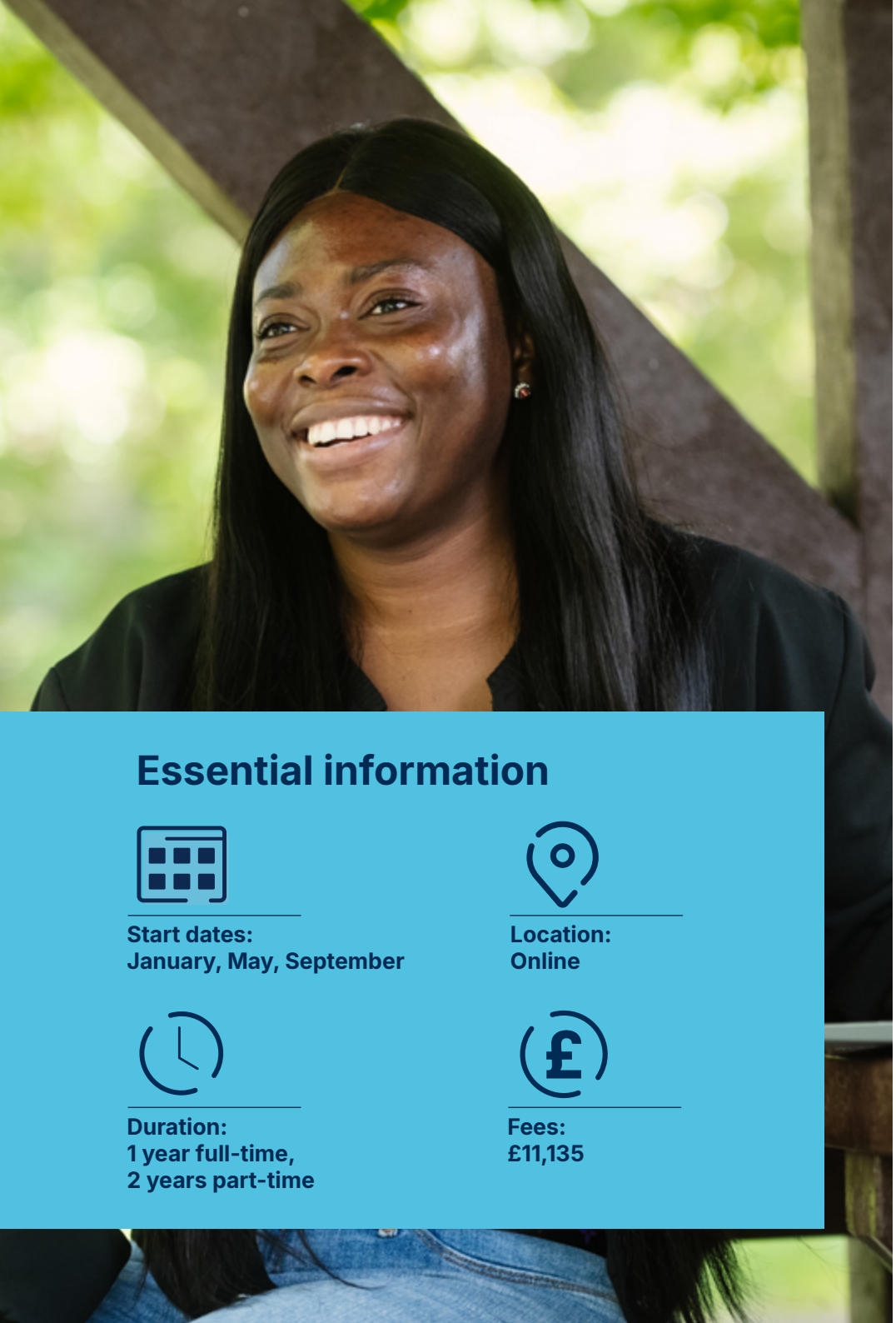


Essential information

Start dates:
January, May, September

Location:
Online

Duration:
1 year full-time,
2 years part-time

Fees:
£11,135

Why Brunel?

Brunel University of London has a long history of contributing to the advancement of the psychological sciences in the UK and beyond. Here are some advantages of pursuing your online postgraduate psychology degree with us:

Global perspectives

We were ranked as the UK's most international university for the 2nd year in a row and 6th globally for international outlook (THE Rankings 2025). Our commitment to research aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals places us in the top 5-10% of universities worldwide (THE Impact Rankings 2024).

Real-world focus

Our curriculum emphasises practical assessments and projects that mirror real-world situations in psychological sciences, ensuring you are effectively prepared for your career from day one. This conversion course is especially designed for those looking to transition into the field of psychology.

Expert faculty guidance

Learn from faculty members with active research and collaborations in the psychological sciences sector, providing you with valuable insights and a deeper understanding of contemporary issues in psychology.

Tailored learning environment

Take advantage of a structured course calendar designed to fit various time zones and personal commitments, fostering a more customised and comfortable educational experience while pursuing your MSc in Psychological Sciences (Conversion).

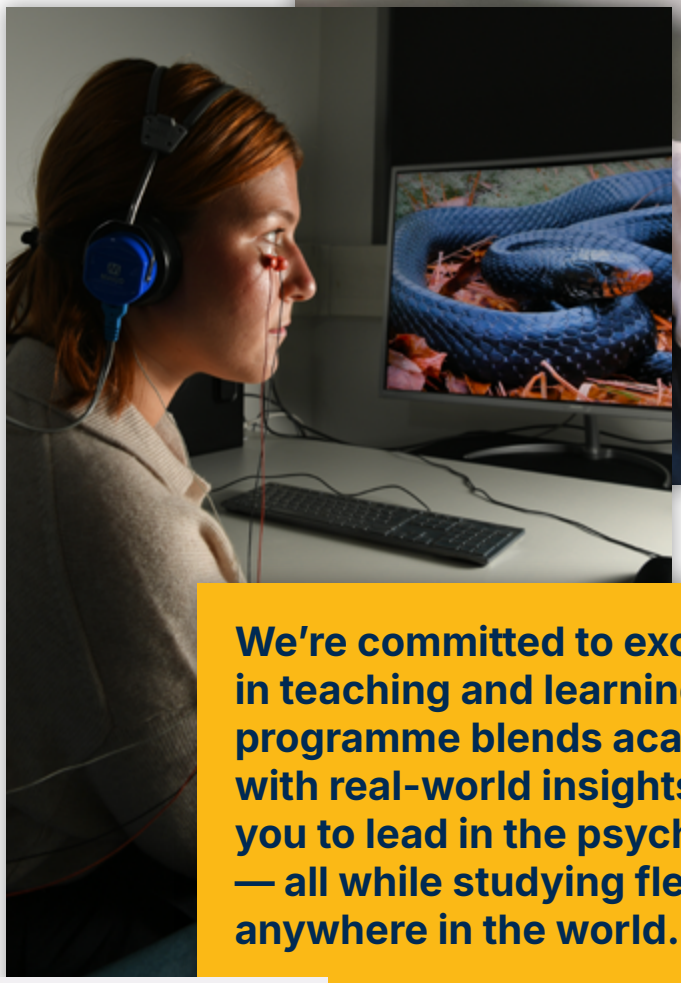
Dive into psychology with Brunel's flexible online conversion course

At Brunel, we're committed to leading the way in the future of education within the psychological sciences. Our online MSc in Psychological Sciences (Conversion) offers you the opportunity to pivot into a rewarding new career or deepen your understanding of your current role — regardless of your academic background.

Designed by experts, this BPS-accredited programme provides a strong foundation in psychology, from cognitive processes to social dynamics. Whether you're pursuing a new career or advancing in your field, this flexible, online course fits seamlessly into your life, allowing you to learn at your own pace while staying connected with a global community.

Through a blend of informative pre-recorded content and interactive online seminars, you'll tackle real-world challenges from day one, guided by leading researchers and practitioners. By the end of the programme, you'll be prepared to make a significant impact in the field, equipped with the skills needed to address critical psychological issues in communities around the world.

Brunel's MSc in Psychological Sciences (Conversion) is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS), meaning you'll be eligible for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC), a crucial step towards a career in recognised psychology professions.



We're committed to excellence in teaching and learning. This programme blends academic rigour with real-world insights, empowering you to lead in the psychology sector — all while studying flexibly from anywhere in the world.

the british psychological society
accredited conversion award

Dr Rachel Dolan

Programme Director,
MSc Psychological Sciences (Online)

“As the Programme Director for the MSc Psychological Sciences online conversion course, I find great fulfilment in facilitating the academic journey of students from diverse backgrounds worldwide. Our curriculum comprehensively covers core areas of psychology, providing students with a robust framework for both further academic study and professional advancement. We welcome students from all corners of the globe to join our programme.”

Modules

Introduction to Psychological Science

Explore the scientific foundations and key principles of psychology, tracing its evolution as an academic discipline and examining core research methodologies.

Historical and Conceptual Issues in Psychology

Survey psychology's development from ancient Greek philosophy to modern scientific practice, utilising diverse research sources to understand its conceptual foundations.

Cognitive Psychology

Investigate human cognitive processes including perception, attention, memory and language. Learn techniques for studying cognition empirically.

Qualitative Research Methods in Psychology

Master systematic qualitative research approaches. Develop skills in selecting and applying techniques to address research questions and critically evaluate published findings.

Social Psychology

Examine key concepts in social cognition, influence and relationships, including attribution, conformity, leadership and prejudice. Explore contemporary debates in the field.

Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

Gain practical skills in selecting and applying statistical tests, evaluating research findings, and effectively presenting scientific results in writing.

Developmental Psychology

Study psychological development across the lifespan, from childhood through adolescence to adulthood. Examine attachment, social relations, and cognitive and language development.

Biological Psychology

Investigate the biological bases of behaviour, effects of brain damage, and methods for studying brain function and dysfunction.

Individual Differences

Survey personality psychology, intelligence testing, and mental health. You'll explore core aspects of personality including emotion, motivation and mood.

Empirical Psychology Project

Conduct independent empirical research under the supervision of one of our experts. Define a research problem, carry out a study, and present your findings in a rigorous scientific manner.

Life online with Brunel

Without leaving your country or career, you'll access the full benefits of a Brunel online education.

Gain globally competitive skills

Our online degree is created by industry experts, equipping you with in-demand psychological skills recognised by leading organisations worldwide.

Study anywhere, anytime

Eliminate geographical barriers to obtaining a psychology education. Whether you're working or travelling, you can complete your MSc entirely online.

Diverse career pathways

Graduates from our programme are well-equipped to pursue various careers in clinical, educational, occupational, and research psychology sectors.

Flexible study options

Balance your academic pursuits with work and family responsibilities. Our online platform allows you to study at your convenience, anytime and from anywhere.

Build a global network

Engage with fellow students, professionals, and academics around the world while studying online, fostering lasting connections and opportunities for collaboration.

Learning outcomes

Understand the scope of psychology and its historical and contemporary perspectives.

Critically evaluate the results of empirical research in psychology.

Appreciate the diversity of perspectives within psychology.

Formulate, analyse, and interpret testable hypotheses and research questions derived from theory.

Develop proficiency in analytical skills for designing research and interpreting results.

Wherever you want to go in your career, your Psychological Sciences (Conversion) MSc online is your first step to becoming a chartered psychologist.

In addition to clinical psychology, you'll gain the knowledge and expertise sought by employers in a wide variety of sectors including media, marketing, HR, law enforcement, finance, government, health and education as well as government and non-governmental agencies.

Entry requirements

Academic entry requirements

- A UK first or second class (2:2) Honours degree, or equivalent internationally recognised qualification in any subject
- Applicants with other degrees and subjects, with relevant work experience, will be considered on an individual basis

Non-native speakers of English need one of the following:

- IELTS: 6.5 (min 6 in all areas)
- Pearson: 59 (59 in all sub scores)
- BrunELT: 63% (min 58% in all areas)
- TOEFL: 90 (min 20 in all)

Application documents:

1. **A completed application form**
2. **Passport copy**
3. **Personal statement**
4. **Scanned copies of your education certificates and transcripts**
5. **Your CV/Resume in English**
6. **Proof of English proficiency**

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A degree for enquiring minds.
A career path with diverse opportunities.

Start application

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- Make reasonable variations to the course (including, without limitation, the content and syllabus of the course, including changes to individual modules.
- Discontinue the course or combine the course with another course, especially if it has insufficient numbers of students to be viable, if the University considers this reasonably necessary. If the University discontinues the course, it will use reasonable endeavours to provide you with a suitable alternative.

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