MSc Psychology (Conversion) – FAQs

How many study hours are there in an average week?

Students are expected to study approximately 40 hours a week on their coursework, independent learning and research-related activities.

What does teaching consist of?

Students are expected to actively engage in a series of large-group lectures, seminars, workshops as well as smaller-sized tutorials. Wherever possible, teaching will be supported by the use technology.

What does assessment consist of?

Students’ academic skills and performances are assessed using a combination of written/verbal coursework, end-of-semester exams, in addition to the MSc dissertation.

Students must achieve 50 per cent or higher in every piece of assessment to be awarded the MSc and to be eligible to apply for GBC with the BPS.

What is an MSc dissertation?

The MSc dissertation is a research project conducted under minimal but expert supervision in a variety of fields related to psychology. Students can propose their own research ideas and/or join existing projects. Dissertation supervisors are allocated at the start of semester 1, and where possible, research interests are matched.

How can prospective students prepare for the course?

There are no recommended reading lists. However, one way to prepare for the course is by thinking ahead of some possible research topics for the dissertation, and reading up on the most recent studies in the field.

How are students supported during the course?

The School of Psychology prides itself in ensuring that students are efficiently supported during their academic year. Our goal is to foster a sense of belonging to the course and help students achieve their maximum potential, whilst still enjoying their experience with us.

Students have access to a wide range of support, including their personal tutor, academic staff, designated librarians, learning support, English support learning courses, disability services, counselling professionals, careers and employability services.

To find out more about all the student support available at the University of Surrey.