

Department of Psychology

Open Day Presentation

13th/14th June 2025

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Note: Due to room capacity, we may request a maximum of “+1 guest”

Psychology at Durham

“Psychology is a science in which behavioural and other evidence is used to understand the internal processes leading people (and members of other species) to behave as they do” (*Eysenck, 2004*)



Psychology at Durham

We have a strong research-led approach to teaching

You will be taught by world-renowned academics in the following disciplines:

- Developmental Science
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Quantitative Social Psychology



Our Main Courses

- BSc Psychology (C800)
- BSc Psychological and Behavioural Science (C807)



The
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Psychological
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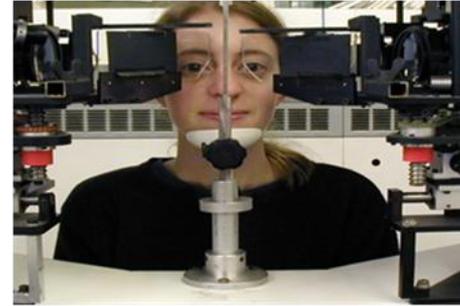
Years 1 and 2

Core modules that cover the main sub-disciplines within Psychology

- Cognitive Psychology
- Biological Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Individual Differences
- Research Methods and Statistics
- Skills-based tutorial teaching
- One elective module in Year 1.



Year 3: Dissertation



Year 3: Module Choices

Example Psychology options:

- Forensic Psychology
- Developmental Neurodivergence
- Clinical Neuropsychology: Research to Practice
- Evolution, Culture, and Behaviour



Example Psychological and Behavioural Science options:

- Organisational Psychology: Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity
- Behaviour Change: Foundations, Advances, and Applications
- Promoting Physical Health and Wellbeing
- Work-based Learning & Career Development

Gaining additional experience

- **Study Abroad Year**
- **Placement Year**
- **Research Assistant Scheme**



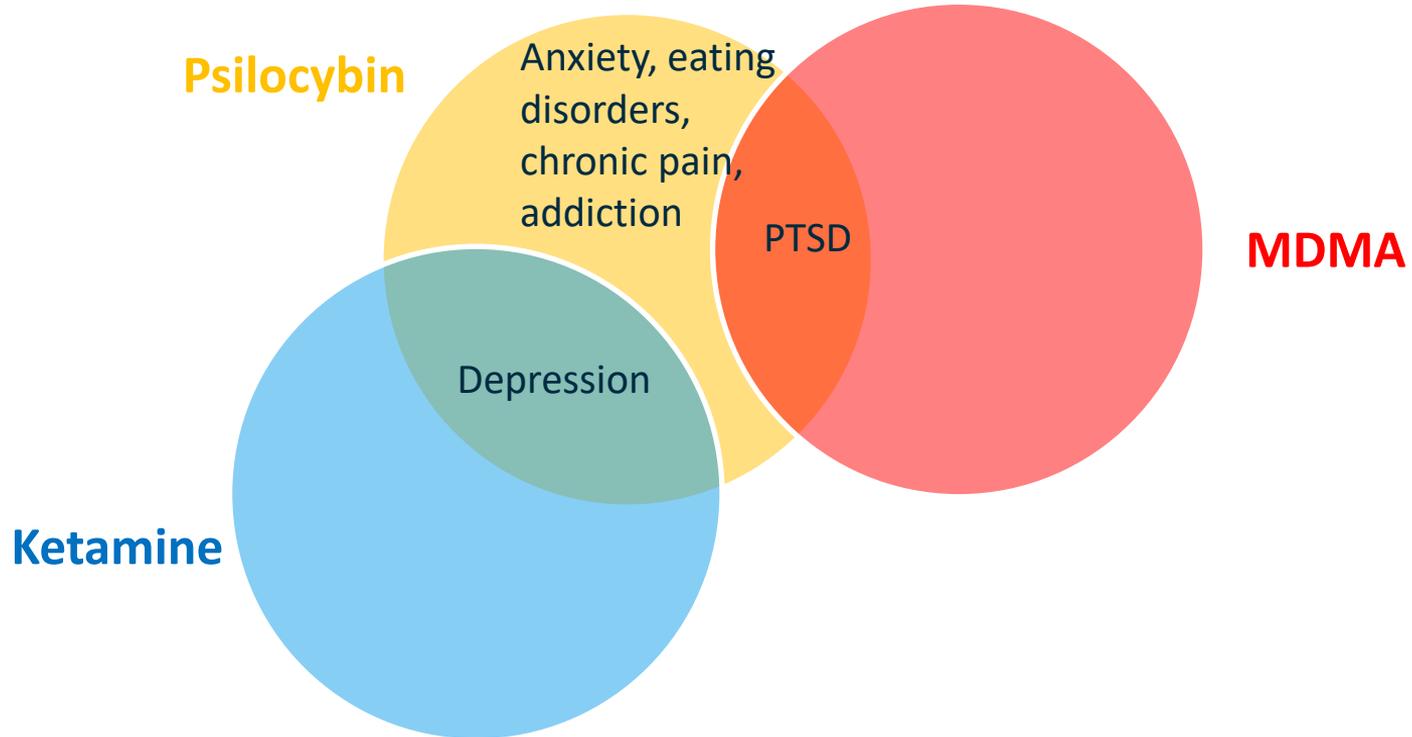
Alternatives to single honours

- **Psychology and Anthropology – CL86**
- **Philosophy and Psychology – CV85**
- **Education Studies - Psychology – X1C8**
- **Natural Sciences (Psychology Pathway) - CFC0**
 - **Biology**
 - **Mathematics**
 - **Economics**

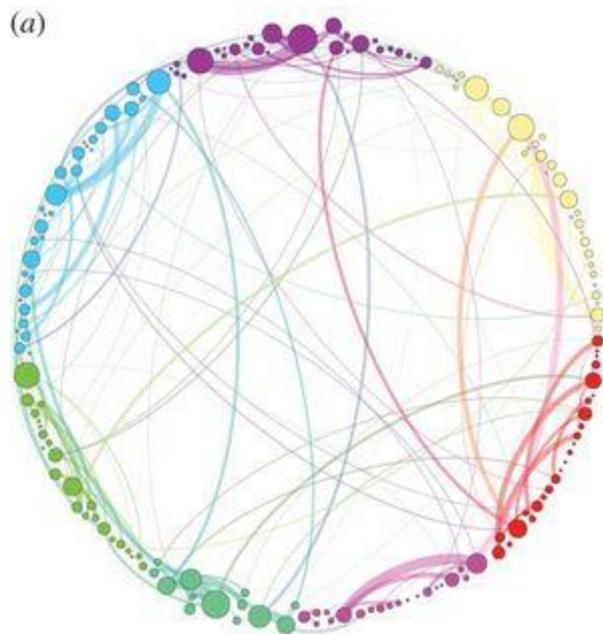


Psychology (C800)

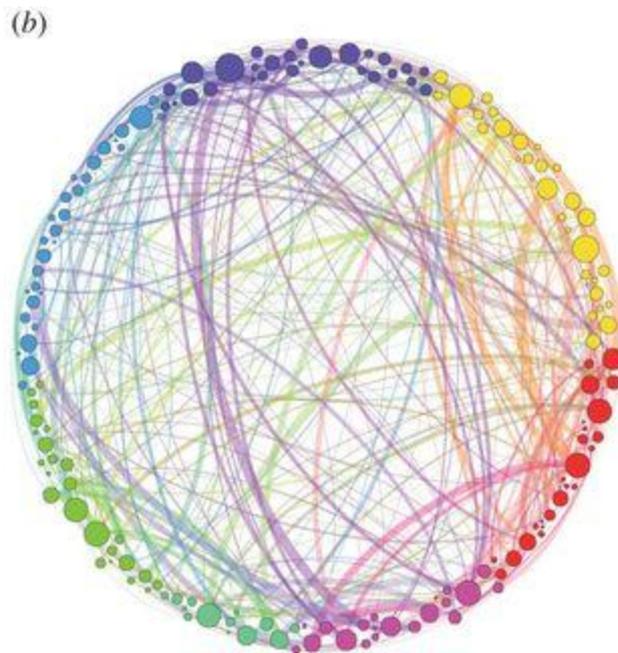
Understanding how psychedelics work

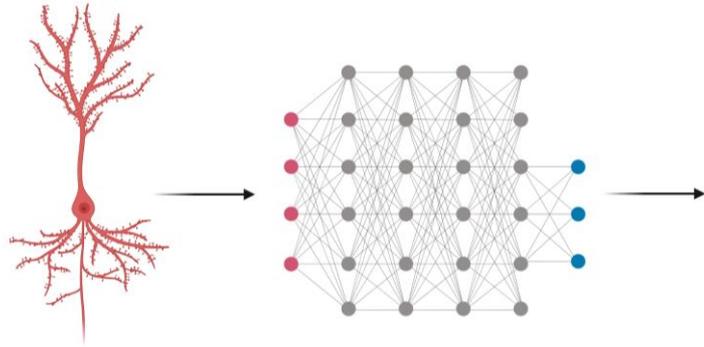


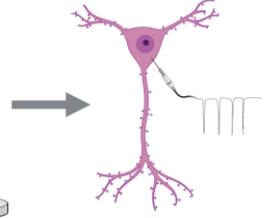
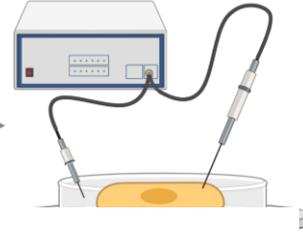
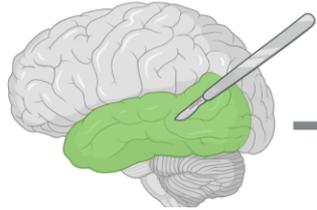
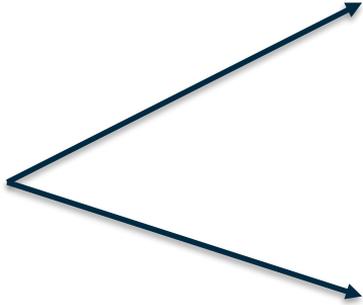
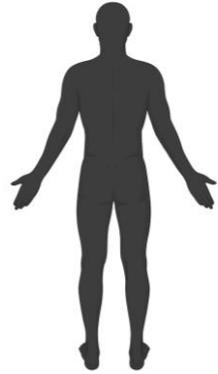
Placebo



Psilocybin



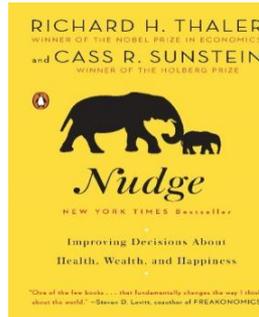
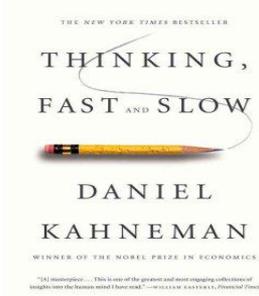




- Personalised use (e.g., based on life history, biomarkers)
- Development of new compounds related to psychedelics or their mechanisms
- Evidence-based analysis of risks and benefits
- Drug policy and harm reduction

Psychological and Behavioural Science (C807)

- New specialisation evolved from Behavioural Economics
- Applying social psychology to tackle challenges faced by public, private, and third sector organisations
- Understanding and influencing behaviour



Psychological and Behavioural Science (C807)

Ban cars from idling near schools, says UK public health agency

Public Health England calls for raft of urgent measures to tackle air pollution



▲ Cars queue to collect children outside a primary school in Aberystwyth, Wales. Photograph: Alamy

Cars should be banned from idling near schools and **congestion charges** imposed across the UK as part of measures recommended by the government public health agency.

In a report on Monday, Public Health England (PHE) said up to 36,000 people were dying each year from human-made air pollution.

Air pollution: How damaging are idling cars and buses?

By Reality Check team
BBC News

12 March 2019



Reality Check



Public Health England has been talking about the steps that can be taken to reduce air pollution.

One of its recommendations is to stop vehicles idling close to places such as schools and hospitals.

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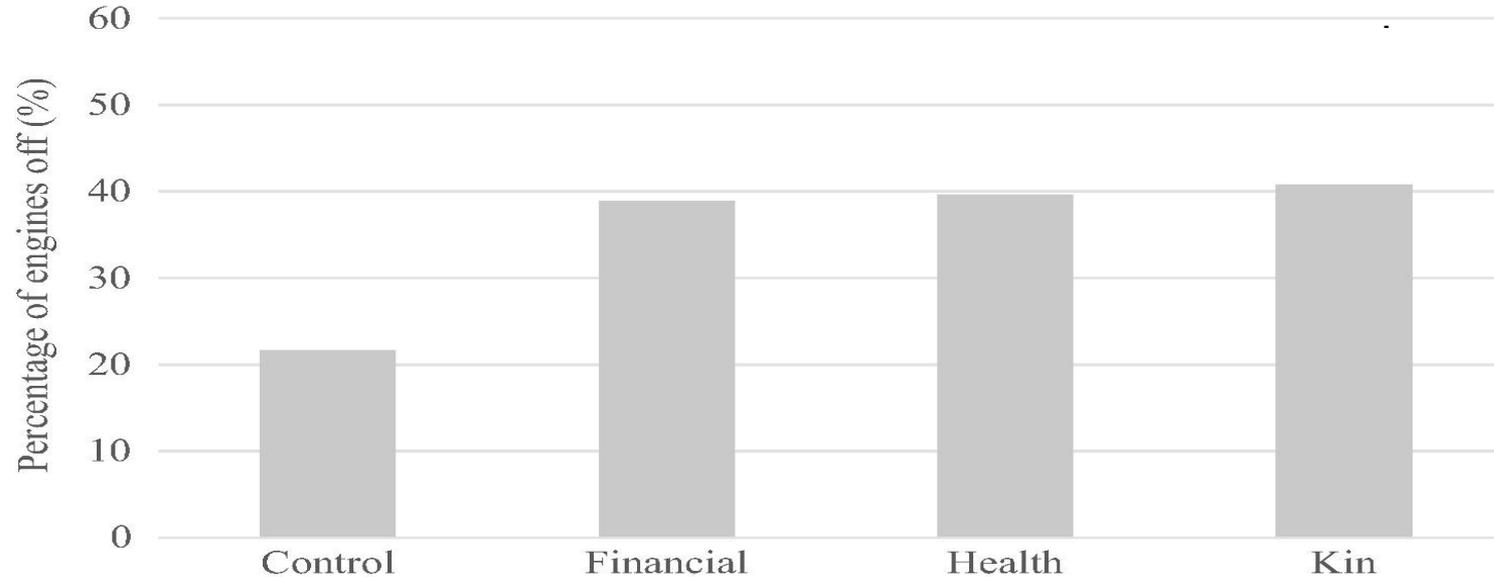


You throw away your money by leaving your engine on when the barriers are down

Warning – pollution: When barriers are down close vehicle windows and switch off your engine

Think of the children. When barriers are down switch off your engine

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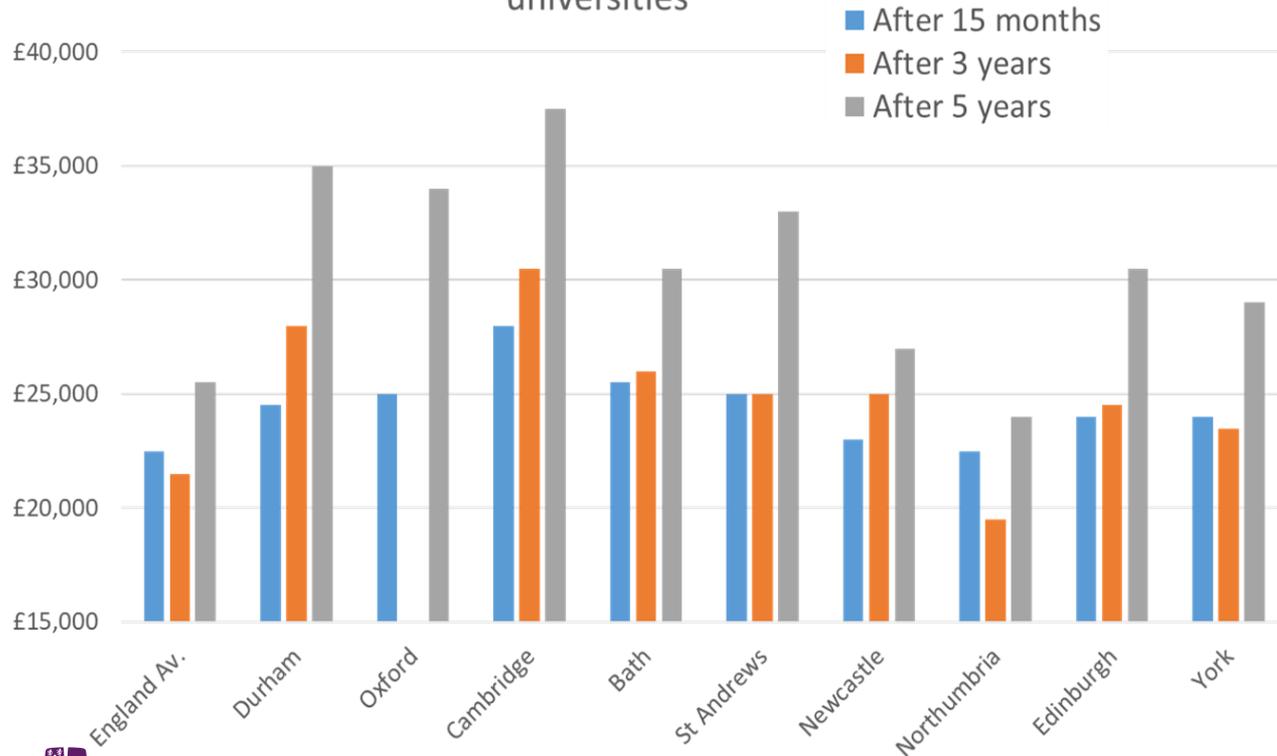
Teaching and Learning Approach

- Lectures, tutorials, and practical classes
- Assessment by coursework and exam
- Gaining skills through practical work (e.g., RA scheme; L3 dissertation)
- Getting involved in weekly department seminars and Psychology Society



Employability

Average income after Psychology degrees from different universities



Top 5

In graduate prospects

The Times UK University Rankings



Employability

Department and Uni support:

- Academic advisor
- Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre.
- Transferrable skills
- Careers-focussed modules

Employment routes:

- Routes into the Psychology professions: e.g. Clinical, Educational, Forensic.
- Routes into Business: e.g. HR, Marketing, Advertising, Civil service, Charity Sector.

Top 5

In graduate prospects

The Times UK University
Rankings



Entry Requirements and Application

- **AAA / IB 37(666) / alternatives welcome.**
- Evidence of strength across a range of subjects, including B/5 in GCSE Maths.
- In your statement, you can mention some the key research areas that Durham is strong in
- You can also discuss relevant experience such as an EPQ or any casual interest you have in psychology outside of your studies



Why Choose Durham Psychology?

- Personalised teaching by renowned academics
- Skills and employability focus
- Internationally recognised department



15th

in the Guardian University
Guide 2025

11th



Top 100



Student Ambassador

Laura Turnbull



Self-Guided Tour

<https://tinyurl.com/DurPsyTour>



Contact Us

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Any questions?

Additional relevant drop-in sessions today:

Location **50** (TLC building)

- General admissions
- Study abroad
- Placement years
- Foundation programme

Location **18** (Palatine centre)

- Mental health support
- Disability support