



Durham
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Department of Psychology

Open Day Presentation

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Session Outline

- Psychology
- Courses Overview
- Teaching and Learning
- Employability
- Application

Are You a Psychologist?

“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)



- Specific sensory stimuli (e.g. light/sound)
- Our recent/historical experiences
- Our genetic makeup
- Our physiological system
- Our cognitive system (perceptions, thoughts, memories)
- The social environment
- Our personal characteristics (personality, intelligence...)



Psychology needs to be broad to understand behaviour

Our Courses

- BSc Psychology (C800)
- BSc Psychological and Behavioural Science (C807)
- Additional joint honours programmes available

*Year Abroad and Placement year options



Alternatives to single honours

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

Single honours (C800, C807)

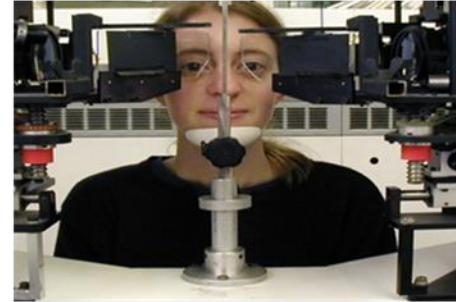


Levels 1 and 2: basis for BPS recognition.

- Core modules that cover the main sub-disciplines within Psychology, as well as research methods and statistics.
 - Cognitive Psychology
 - Biological Psychology
 - Social Psychology
 - Developmental Psychology
 - Individual Differences
- One elective module at Level 1.



Level 3: Dissertation



Level 3: Optional modules to the value of 80 credits

Example Psychology options:

- Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Atypical Development
- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Human Evolutionary Psychology

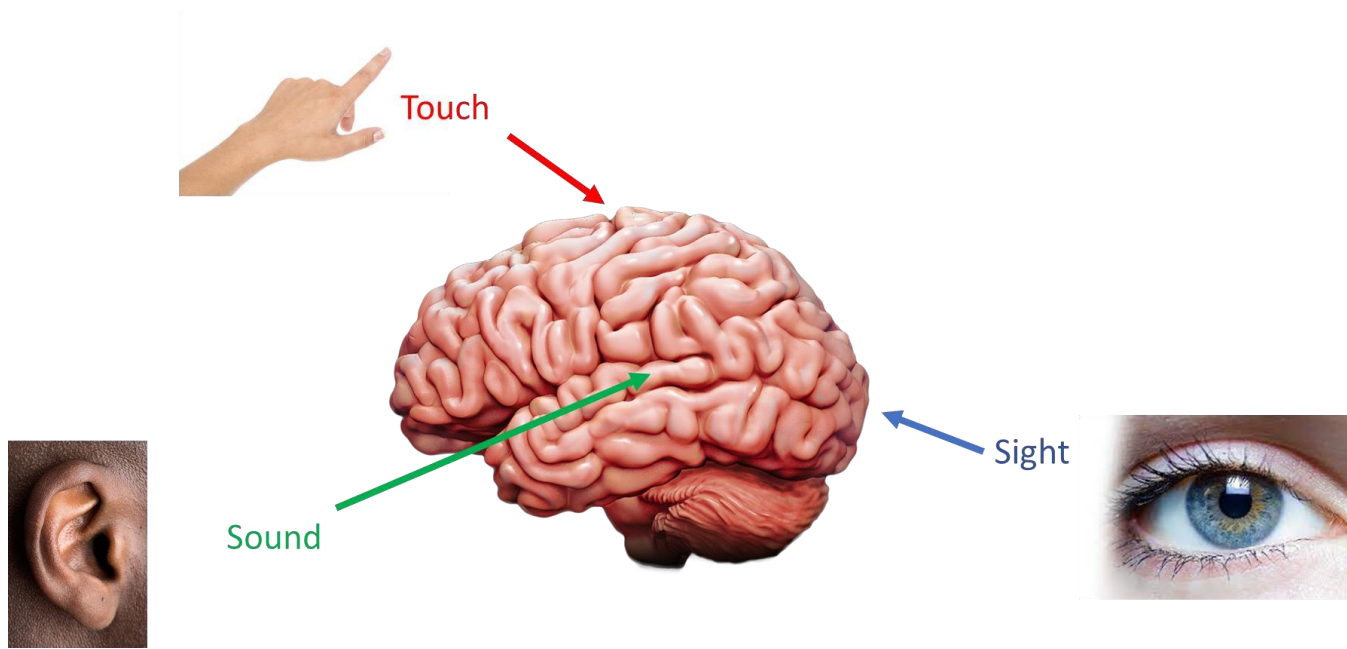
Example Psychological and Behavioural Science options:

- Evaluating Evidence in Behavioural Science
- Business and Economic Psychology
- Behaviour Change
- Professional Skills



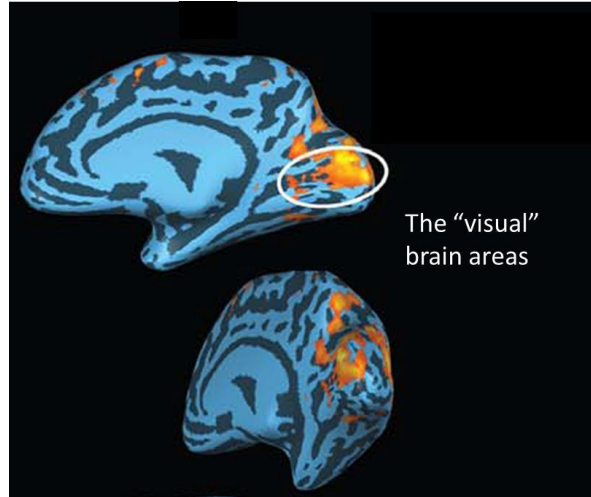
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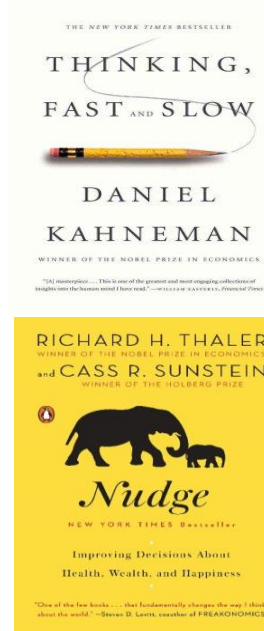


"I feel that it has improved my mobility in that I can pinpoint better a particular area that I want to be at"

"It has given me a new vision for the future, new horizons of what is possible. It has improved my knowledge about my own capabilities as a human being"

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



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

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Reality Check



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

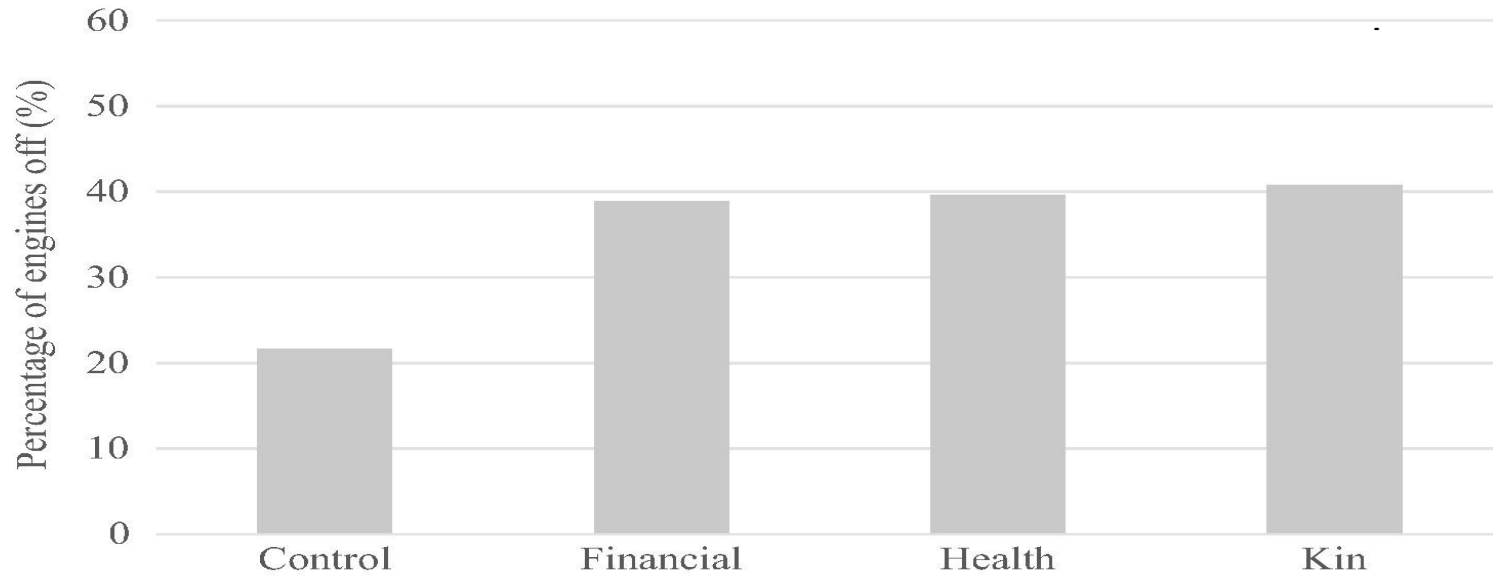
One of its recommendations is to stop vehicles idling close to places such as schools and hospitals.



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



Teaching and Learning Techniques

- Lectures, tutorials, and practical classes
- Assessment by both coursework and exam
- Engagement with world-class research and facilities (e.g., RA scheme; L3 dissertation)



Employability

- Employability sessions.
- Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre.
- Routes into the Psychology professions: Clinical, Educational, Forensic.
- Routes into Business, HR, Marketing, Advertising, Civil service, Charity Sector.



Entry Requirements

- **AAA / IB 37(666) / alternatives welcome.**
- Evidence of strength across a range of subjects, including B/5 in GCSE Maths.



Why Choose Durham?

- Personalised teaching, friendly atmosphere
 - Small group teaching from academic staff.
 - Support: Athena Swan Silver award; Academic Advisor system; Colleges.
- Skills and employability focus
 - Skills-focussed tutorials.
 - Employability sessions & careers service
- World class department
 - We actively encourage students to make their own world-class discoveries!



Student Ambassador

Zoe Bradbury / Emerald Grimshaw



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