

HND Applied Psychology

Full Time // Truro College or Penwith College

The HND Applied Psychology is a unique course allowing you the opportunity to learn about behaviour, and its origins, from theoretical and practical perspectives.

Why choose this course?

The first year of the programme offers modules that lay down the historical, methodological and theoretical bases of the discipline, where you should develop an understanding of the foundations upon which they will later build. These modules also develop subject-specific, employment-related and generic skills to enhance professional and personal development.

During the second year we aim to develop the foundations laid during the first year in a more applied context by using the theories in a range of settings linked to the discipline. You will also be encouraged to work more independently and co-operatively within small groups. The forms of assessment reflect this diversity of topics and the importance we place on the links to the workplace. These include lab report, essays, presentations, posters, applied reports and examinations.

This programme has been designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge base required to work in your chosen specialism or to progress on to other graduate opportunities. It is also a platform from which you can undertake additional vocational and academic qualifications.

What will I learn?

First Year

Research Methods
Individual Differences
Biological Psychology
Comparative Behaviour
Cognitive Psychology
Social Psychology
Personal & Professional Development

Second Year

Group Project
Advanced Data Analysis
Education Psychology
Communication
Clinical Psychology
Applied Cognition
Environmental Psychology
Health Psychology
Performance Psychology

Methods of Study

Our policy to run small groups means that the teaching sessions are highly interactive allowing for debate and practical activities to enhance the learning experience. For the more technical modules, we run lab classes where the students create and take part in experiments. We also run an annual Applied week where students use field trips to collect data for assignments.

Where will it take me?

Employability

What job does not involve interaction with other humans? For this reason, an understanding of human behaviour is an asset to any profession. More specifically the course has been designed to ensure you have a broad range of experiences that may lead to teaching, health, social care or business. To complement the knowledge base we ensure that students develop a range of transferable skills and become reflective practitioners. Real employer briefs are integrated into the set assignments, giving you a working understanding of the theory learned and putting it into practice. Students will be involved in an applied week, whereby a range of activities are undertaken, for example, data collection at the Zoo.

The future

Progression from the course is typically to:

BA (Hons) Human Behavioural Studies (1-year top-up at Truro College)

BSc (Hons) Psychology (2-year top-up with BPS at Plymouth University)

Other 1-year social science top-ups available at Truro College

Other social science degrees in the UK

What do I need?

24 UCAS points (at A2), and GCSE English and Maths at grade C or above. Alternative Level 3 qualifications may be accepted on an individual basis for mature student entry.

Additional Information

Awarding Body

Plymouth University

Duration

Two years full time, part time route available

How to Apply

UCAS Institution: Truro and Penwith College

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