



Studying Experimental Psychology at St Anne's College

Psychology in Oxford concerns issues that can be tackled through empirical investigation. The department, widely regarded as one of the foremost psychology departments in the UK, is one of the world's leading centres for psychological research on human cognitive processes, neuroscience, vision, developmental and social psychology. We see Psychology as an outward-looking subject, and so we draw on the outstanding strengths of Oxford in the neurosciences, psychiatry, genetics, linguistics, education, computation, social sciences and philosophy to help us in the enterprise of understanding human behaviour and mental life.

For the 2022-23 academic year visiting students programme we are able to offer the following courses in Experimental psychology:

Michaelmas term 2022:

Behavioural Neuroscience

The Behavioural Neuroscience course provides an overview of research on Pavlovian conditioning, neurotransmitters, memory systems, decision-making and choice behavior systems, neural and synaptic plasticity and neuromodulation and other related topics. 21 lectures, 6 tutorials.

Cognition

The Cognition course provides an overview of research on human cognition, considering topics on language, reasoning and rationality, attention and cognitive control, short-term and working memory, and long-term memory. We will discuss research on these topics using a range of methodologies—experimental psychology, brain imaging, neurology, cognitive development, and computational modelling—and consider this work from its historical roots to today's cutting-edge developments. 21 lectures, 6 tutorials.

Hilary Term 2023:

Developmental Science

The Developmental Science course provides an overview of research in language learning, memory, attention, developmental language disorders and other related topics. 21 lectures, 6 tutorials.

Individual Differences and Clinical Psychology

This course provides an overview of research in the science of individual differences and covers topics such as social and emotional intelligence, depression, anxiety, psychological disorders, developmental psychopathology and other related topics. 21 lectures, 6 tutorials.

There are unfortunately no experimental psychology courses able to be offered for Trinity Term 2023. At this stage we cannot offer practicals (lab work), option courses or research projects.

We recommend visiting students wishing to study experimental psychology apply as follows –

If you would like to study abroad for one term you may apply for the Fall term (September and Michaelmas 2022) programme

During September you will study our History and Politics course, The Making and Unmaking of Modern Britain course, followed by the two experimental psychology courses taught during Michaelmas term. You need to study psychology as a sole subject if applying for the Fall term.

If you would like to study abroad for the academic year or extended academic year you will need to apply to study experimental psychology jointly with another subject, such as psychology and philosophy or psychology and economics or another humanities or social science. It is not possible to study two science subjects jointly.

Extended Academic Year:

During September you will study our History and Politics course, The Making and Unmaking of Modern Britain course followed by the above experimental psychology courses in Michaelmas and Hilary term or a combination of psychology and another subject. Please note there is no psychology teaching available in Trinity term so you will need to study another subject during this time.

Academic Year:

You will study the above experimental psychology courses in Michaelmas and Hilary term or a combination of psychology and another subject. Please note there is no psychology teaching available in Trinity term so you will need to study another subject during this time.

In order to study joint subjects a visiting student needs to be studying both subjects at their home institution already. It is possible you may only be offered a place to study one subject, rather than both, if you are not deemed to have sufficient background in both subjects.

If you have any questions please email visiting.students@st-annes.ox.ac.uk