



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 2023-24 academic year visiting students programme we are able to offer the following courses in Experimental Psychology: We cannot offer practicals (lab work), option courses, or research projects.

Michaelmas term 2023:

Behavioural Neuroscience

The Behavioural Neuroscience course provides an overview of research on Pavlovian conditioning, neurotransmitters, memory systems, decision-making and choice behaviour systems, neural and synaptic plasticity and neuromodulation and other related topics. 16 lectures, 4 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. 16 lectures, 4 tutorials.

Social Psychology

This course provides an overview of research in the science of social psychology and covers broad topics such as Attitudes and Social Cognition, Interpersonal Relations, and Group Processes, as well as Social Neuroscience. 16 lectures, 4 tutorials.

Hillary term 2024:

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. 16 lectures, 4 tutorials.

Development Psychology

The Developmental Science course provides an overview of research in language learning, memory, attention, developmental language disorders and other related topics. 16 lectures, 4 tutorials.

Perception

The Perception course will cover topics relating to how our perceptual experience is formed across the senses. This includes topics relating colour perception, psychophysics, spatial vision, motion detection, mental imagery, hearing, multisensory integration, and multisensory flavour perception. 16 lectures, 4 tutorials.

Trinity Term 2024:

There are unfortunately no experimental psychology courses able to be offered for Trinity Term 2024. If you would like to study during Trinity term you will need to apply to study Experimental Psychology jointly with another subject.

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

If you would like to study abroad for the Fall term (September and Michaelmas 2023) you need to study psychology as a sole subject during Michaelmas term. During September you will study on either our Humanities course, *Reconsidering British Art*, or our Social sciences course, *The Making and Unmaking of Modern Britain*; followed by the three experimental psychology courses taught during Michaelmas term.

If you would like to study abroad for the extended academic year, academic year or Hilary and Trinity terms you will need to apply to study experimental psychology jointly with another subject, such as psychology and philosophy, or psychology and medical humanities, 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 on either our Humanities course, *Reconsidering British Art*, or our Social sciences course, *The Making and Unmaking of Modern Britain*; 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.

Hilary and Trinity terms: You will study the above experimental psychology courses during Hilary term and another subject during Trinity term. This option is only offered by special arrangement; please contact the Visiting Students team before applying.

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