

Programme Specification Pro-forma (PSP)
1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Programme Title:	BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology
2. Final Award:	BSc (Hons) in Applied Psychology
3. Exit Awards:	Certificate in Higher Ed / Diploma in Higher Ed / BSc Applied Psychology / BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology
4. Awarding Body:	Glasgow Caledonian University
5. Approval Date:	November 2018
6. School:	School of Health and Life Sciences
7. Host Department:	Psychology
8. UCAS Code:	C810
9. PSB Involvement:	The British Psychological Society
• Place of Delivery:	Glasgow Caledonian University
• Subject Benchmark Statement:	Psychology
• Dates of PS Preparation/ Revision:	Last revised Sept 2021

2. EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME
BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology

The overall aim of the programme is to enable students graduating with an honours degree, to apply for post-graduate training in a specialist area of psychology, to meet the accreditation requirements of the British Psychological Society (BPS), provided that they take the specified modules. To confer eligibility on Honours graduates for the Graduate Basis for Chartered membership (GBC), if the minimum standard of a Lower Second Class Honours Degree is achieved and the *Psychology Empirical Project* is passed. The specified modules on the programme cover applied psychology and the main areas required by the BPS – biological psychology, cognitive psychology, individual differences, social psychology, developmental psychology, research methods, conceptual and historical issues and the empirical project.

The programme also aims:

To provide option modules in Biology, Social Sciences and Modern Languages which students can take throughout the programme.

To provide an intellectually stimulating set of psychology modules with which students can become actively engaged, with a number of options with an applied orientation particularly at the later levels.

To promote within the students an appreciation for, and the ability to pursue, a scientific approach to psychology, as well as a critical awareness of the strengths and limitations of such an approach.

To encourage our students to recognise the importance of, and engage with issues concerning, employability from an early stage; to help them develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes which will allow them to gain appropriate employment when they graduate, and to develop as civic-minded, global citizens.

To allow students to have the opportunity to relate a work experience to psychology at level three (SCQF 9). This will allow students to develop their skills and gain work experience in an applied psychology setting or in relevant employment where knowledge of psychology may be an advantage.

4. PROGRAMME STRUCTURES AND REQUIREMENTS, LEVELS, MODULES, CREDITS AND AWARDS

At each level, students must achieve 120 credits whose ratings conform to the University's approved Qualifications Framework criteria. At most levels, this means that at least 90 credits (effectively, 5 full modules) must be rated at that level. Full-time students must normally take three 20 credit modules (or equivalent) in each trimester. The non-psychology options currently promoted on the programme span the following disciplines: Interprofessional Education, Biosciences, Social Sciences and Modern Languages. Only the psychology modules are shown here. BPS required modules are also shown in **bold**. See appendices 1 and 2 for the curriculum map and assessment matrix.

SCQF Level 7 (University Level 1)

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
M1C825405	Foundations in Psychology	20
M1C825407	Introduction to Applied Psychology	20
M1C825406	Research Methods 1A: Philosophy and Methods	20
M1C825409	Research Methods 1B: Data Management	20
M1C826895	Digital Psychology	20
	Option	20

Exit Award - Certificate of Higher Education (120 credits)

SCQF Level 8 (University Level 2)

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
M2C825410	Applying Clinical, Forensic and Counselling Psychology	20
M2C825413	Applying Health and Sport & Exercise Psychology	20
M2C825411	Research Methods 2: Analysing Data	20
M2C826896	Intro to Biological, Cognitive and Developmental Psychology	20
M2C825414	Political and Cultural Psychology	20
	Option	20

Exit Award - Diploma of Higher Education (240 credits)

SCQF Level 9 (University Level 3)

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
M3C825415	Research Methods 3: Advanced Research Methods and Analysis	20
M3C825416	Psychology of Individual Differences	20
M3C825418	Applied Social Psychology	20
M3C825419	Applied Human Cognition	20
M3C825424	Psychobiology: Understanding Experience & Behaviour	20
M3C825417	Applied Psychology for Career Development	20

OR EXCHANGE

Exit Award – BSc Applied Psychology (360 credits)

SCQF Level 10 (University Level 4)

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
MHC825420	Psychology Empirical Project	40
MHC824236	Developmental Psychology	20
Three Options from		
MHC823133	Mental Health and Wellbeing	20
MHC825425	Counselling Psychology	20
MHC825310	Cyberpsychology	20
MHC826529	Forensic Psychology	20
MHC826424	Health Psychology	20
	External Option	20

Exit Award – BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology (480 credits)

If students take one of the option modules at level four, and also complete their *Psychology Empirical Project* in the same area, this can be indicated in the name of the award. For example, BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology (Health).

There will be a new optional module at Level 4 from academic year 2022/23:

MHC825427	Sport and Exercise Psychology	20
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8 ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

The [Glasgow Caledonian University Assessment Regulations for Undergraduate Programmes](#) apply to this programme

DATE: **Sept 2021**