

Graduate Diploma in Psychology Programme Specification

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Programme Title:	Graduate Diploma in Psychology
2. Final Award:	Graduate Diploma in Psychology
3. Exit Awards:	Graduate Certificate in Psychology Graduate Diploma in Psychology
4. Awarding Body:	Glasgow Caledonian University
5. Approval Date:	May 2009
6. School:	School of Health and Life Sciences
7. Host Division/Dept:	Department of Psychology and Allied Health Sciences
8. UCAS Code:	None
9. PSB Involvement:	British Psychological Society
10. Place of Delivery:	Glasgow Caledonian University
11. Subject Benchmark Statement:	Psychology
12. Dates of PSP preparation/revision:	November 2015

2. EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The aims of the Graduate Diploma in Psychology are to:

- i. Meet the accreditation requirements of the professional statutory body; this confers eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Registration as a Psychologist (GBR). The programme modules cover the main areas of psychology, stipulated by the BPS. The Graduate Quality Accreditation Committee requires that undergraduate degree programmes and conversion programmes cover the following core areas:
 - Cognitive Psychology;
 - Biological Psychology;
 - Social Psychology;
 - Developmental Psychology;
 - Individual Differences;
 - Conceptual and Historical Issues in Psychology (CHIP);
 - Research Design, including Qualitative & Quantitative Methods¹
- ii. Promote within the students an appreciation for, and the knowledge and skills to pursue, a scientific approach to Psychology.
- iii. Provide a high quality educational experience for our students, having cognizance of the QAA benchmarking statement for Psychology (See appendix).
- iv. Provide a broad based education in Psychology through an intellectually stimulating set of

¹ (BPS \Psychology Education Board Graduate Qualifications Accreditation Committee; Quality Assurance Policies and Practice for First Qualifications in Psychology September 2008; http://www.bps.org.uk/careers/accredited-courses/accreditation-criteria/accreditation-criteria_home.cfm)

Psychology modules with which students can become actively engaged, including an honours level empirical project

- v. Provide students with the required qualifications necessary for entry to post-graduate courses designed to train professional psychologists and also strengthen their position when applying for jobs.
- vi. Meet with the Mission and Vision of GCU by providing a high quality accessible, inclusive and flexible learning and teaching environment, enhanced by curiosity-driven research.
- vii. Building on the cornerstones of excellence in learning, teaching and research we will have a modern, flexible and effective approach to teaching and learning, making best use of information and communication technologies to deliver a broadly based curriculum, which reflects our vision.

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

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
M3C821093	Advanced Research Methods in Psychology	20
M3C823145	Personality and Individual Differences	20
M3C821094	Social Psychology	20
M3C821097	Human Cognition	20
M3C823144	Physiology of Behaviour	20
MHC821103	Developmental Psychology	20
Exit Award – Graduate Certificate in Psychology (120 credits)		
MHC823131	Empirical Project	40
Exit Award – Graduate Diploma in Psychology (160 credits)		

8 ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

The Glasgow Caledonian University Assessment Regulations published September 2015
<http://www.gcu.ac.uk/media/gcalwebv2/theuniversity/gaq/gaqfiles/assessmentregulations/University%20Assessment%20%20Regulations%202015-16%20Undergraduate.pdf>