

# MSc Psychology of Education BPS

## Programmes covered

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Applicants should also refer to the relevant prospectus entry for further programme details.

This admissions statement should be read in association with the [University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate Taught Programmes](#).

## Faculty

Faculty of Social Sciences and Law

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## Admissions cycle

2017

## Application process

### Online application

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly into the application form. Guidance on uploading documents can be found in the [How to Apply FAQs](#).

Applicants should make every effort to choose the correct programme in the application form by reading the prospectus entry and admissions statements fully. Applicants should contact the relevant Admissions Team if clarification is required.

### Application Deadline

Details of application deadlines for this programme are displayed on the individual programme page within the [University course finder](#).

### Required documents

All documents must be translated into English. Degree certificates and transcripts should be certified copies and list subjects taken and grades/degrees achieved. If your degree is not yet complete, please provide transcripts of subjects taken and marks achieved to date. All documents must be uploaded into the online application form unless otherwise noted. Applicants who have already submitted an application can upload additional documents into the 'Post-submission uploads' section. You can find information about how to upload documents to your application form in our [How to Apply FAQs](#).

Required documents for this programme are:

- Two references
- Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
- Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent degrees
- Personal statement

- English language certificates if English is not your native language and your undergraduate degree was not in an English-speaking country (please see the English Language Requirements for a list of English-speaking countries)

Research statements and research training statements are not required for this programme.

## Interviews

Interviews are not normally part of the selection process.

## Correspondence with applicants

Applicants will normally receive communication via email to the email address used to set up their application form account. Applicants should ensure that this profile email address is kept up-to-date.

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## Admissions criteria

### Academic entry requirements

An upper-second class undergraduate honours degree in psychology or a related discipline (or international equivalent).

Applicants for this programme are required to demonstrate either a substantial academic background (normally, at least 60 credits at undergraduate level) in psychology, or that they have obtained significant work experience in an area relevant to psychology.

Entry to the programme is competitive, so your application should demonstrate a strong interest in psychology and the intention to pursue professional training or research in psychology.

The MSc Psychology of Education is a popular conversion course for candidates hoping to obtain the graduate basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society. You may also have some work experience relevant to psychology, such as work in schools or settings for vulnerable clients. Applications will be considered from candidates who have less of a background in psychology than this, but you will be expected to engage seriously with studying psychology before beginning the programme.

We will normally provide you with guidance about self-directed study to be undertaken prior to joining the programme, in order to establish a good foundation of knowledge on which to build during your studies. If you are unable to demonstrate adequate experience, you are encouraged to address this and to apply again once you have gained more experience in psychology.

For information on international equivalent qualifications, please see our [International Office](#) website.

### English language criteria for non-native English speakers

For applicants whose first language is not English, it is necessary to achieve a minimum score in an approved English language test specified in Profile E of the [University's English Language Requirements Policy](#).

You can find information about the University of Bristol's Pre-Sessional English courses at the [Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies website](#).

### Reference criteria

References should be on headed paper, with clear contact details and signed by the person who wrote it.

Referees should be familiar with the applicant's academic work.

### Personal statement criteria

Please ensure that you clearly and concisely set out your reasons for applying for the pathway. This element of the application is extremely important for us in our decision-making process. This statement should focus carefully on the relationship between your professional experience, professional development and the role that the programme you are applying for will play in this.

Statements should address the following questions: Why do you want to undertake this programme? Have you studied psychology previously? If so, at what level? Do you have any experience of working in an educational setting? Do you have any experience of working with individuals with psychological support needs (eg working

with people with special educational needs, or within services for drug users)? What are your career plans following completion of the MSc Psychology of Education programme?

### Additional requirements

There are no additional requirements for this programme.

## Selection process and offers

### Selection process

All applications are considered in accordance with the [University's policy on equality and diversity](#). The University of Bristol upholds the principles of equality and diversity, respect and dignity. Candidates are not discriminated against on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexuality, religion or belief, disability, health or age.

All applicants are subject to the entry requirements above. We also pay special attention to your personal statement.

### Decisions

Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into their application.

An unconditional offer will be made to successful applicants who have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met. Where academic requirements have not yet been met, successful applicants will receive a conditional offer to meet those requirements.

If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept their offer of admission, this will be stated in the offer letter.

### Deferrals

Applicants are able to defer their place for one year, after which applicants will need to reapply.

### Deposits

International self-funded students are required to pay a deposit of £1000. You can pay this deposit online at <http://bris.ac.uk/online-payments/deposits> using a credit or debit card. Alternatively you can pay through our PaytoStudy account at [www.bristol.ac.uk/paytostudy](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/paytostudy). PaytoStudy is an international payment solution which offers competitive exchange rates. Where PaytoStudy has a local bank account, all wire fee charges will be eliminated and you will be able to pay in your local currency to a local bank account.

The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the International Deposits Refund Policy which is available at <http://www.bris.ac.uk/academicregistry/office/policies/idrp.html>. You may pay your deposit in advance of meeting the conditions of your offer. If you subsequently fail to meet the conditions attached to your offer and are therefore rejected from your course on academic grounds then a refund will be made to you. To make the payment you will need your student number which you will find in your offer letter.

### ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required.