

# PSYCHOLOGY HONOURS YEARS

Year 4

Academic year 2020/2021



# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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# GETTING IT READY

- Information Services provides information on everything you need to know about how to get IT ready:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/information-services/help-consultancy/students-it-requirements-guidance-and-support>

- What IT equipment do you need?
- What do you do when you don't have, or can't afford the necessary equipment?
- How do you access University WiFi?
- How do you get all the right software?
- Where do you go for help with IT issues?

Please visit the IT Requirements, Guidance and Support webpage to get IT ready!





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## Where are you now?

### Are you in any of these situations?

- Job offer rescinded or sector of interest no longer hiring
- Plans to travel or work elsewhere in the UK or abroad impacted
- Job, internship, placement, etc. now virtual
- Feeling unable to continue with plans, e.g. health concerns, caring responsibilities
- Receiving rejections at application or interview stages
- Still unsure about what you want to do or struggling to find opportunities







# Resources – flexible and free

**Website** is best place to start [www.ed.ac.uk/careers](http://www.ed.ac.uk/careers)

Online toolkits to help you do the "right things" at the right time for you – access by self-enrolling in Learn > **Careers Service Toolkits**

Topics include:

- Understand yourself;
- Discover what's out there;
- Build experience and
- Make it happen

**MyCareerHub** [www.hub.ed.ac.uk](http://www.hub.ed.ac.uk)

- Includes events and job opportunities
- CV360 for CV feedback 24/7 - get feedback on your CV
- Interview simulator – have an online mock interview
- Lots of other resources on CVs, applications and interviews in 'Resources' tab





# What's happening this semester?

*Check dates and sign up on MyCareerHub*

## Range of webinars including:

- ✓ Graduate job market
- ✓ Recruitment and selection
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Resilience
- ✓ Postgraduate study

## Top tips sessions including:

- ✓ CVs
- ✓ Applications
- ✓ Interviews
- ✓ Assessment centres
- ✓ Video and online interviews





# Individual help

Ask a question on MyCareerHub or email [careers@ed.ac.uk](mailto:careers@ed.ac.uk)

Book an appointment for more individual help if you need it (please use our resources first)

**Types of Appointments** (discussion via MS Teams, booked through MyCareerHub)

- 15 mins – book on the day from 8am for your School - Good for quick queries
- 30 mins – book up to a week in advance (you can choose any consultant/any day) – Good for feedback on applications and more in-depth queries
- Practice Interviews (45 min) - book up to 3 wks in advance

Rebecca Valentine is Careers Consultant for PPLS students





# WRITING CENTRE

**Jim Donaldson**

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- Designed to help our students grow as writers
- Has database of documents and articles to provide guidance and answer questions about writing
- Offers:
  - One-on-one appointments with personalised feedback
  - Group workshops on a variety of topics
- Great for dissertation writing prep (but not only!)
- <http://writingcentre.ppls.ed.ac.uk/>



# YEAR 4 REPS FOR SSLC

The staff-student liaison committee (SSLC) needs 2 student representatives

- 2 meetings per semester
- Collect student comments, feed back to staff and vice versa.
- A great way to have your (and other students') voice heard!!
- Deadline for applying: end of Week 2 (4<sup>th</sup> October)
- Contact ([ppls.sso@ed.ac.uk](mailto:ppls.sso@ed.ac.uk)) to apply



# STUDY SKILLS AND DISSERTATION WORKSHOPS

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Run by Eva Murzyn and Hannah Cornish

- Session 1: 14:00-14:30  
Guide to Hybrid Learning for Hons Students
- <https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/08179be1b7d44700b878f0e509a8c6fb>
- Session 3: 14:30-15:30  
Year 4 Dissertation Information
- <https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/7a256e37f3594014b7a9081adbfe6ed9>

Will include sections on study skills, writing and essays



# HOW TO FIND COURSE INFORMATION

- Check *Y4 handbook* for assessment details and coursework deadlines. General information about student support, illness, LEARN, plagiarism, submitting coursework, etc.

Still new... Might contain bugs (let us know!)

<http://www.handbooks.psy.ed.ac.uk/psychology-4>

- Check *LEARN* course sites and university email regularly (**every day!**) for course information.
  - Individual courses Learn pages
  - **UG Personal Tutor, Support and Information Hub**





# **COURSE STRUCTURE -** **SINGLE HONOURS**

- **3 Optional Courses**  
(20 credits each)
- **Tutorial Course**  
(10 credits)
- **General paper**  
(10 credits)
- **Dissertation**  
(40 credits)



# COURSE STRUCTURE - JOINT HONOURS

- 1-2 Optional Courses  
(20 credits each)
- No General Paper
- For BPS accreditation, you need to
  1. choose a **Dissertation** in psychology
  2. make sure that your **Optional courses** across years 3 and 4 cover the 5 BPS core areas: Social, developmental, cognitive, differential, biological
  3. take also Honours level **Methodology** (RMS 2 and 3)



# **COURSE STRUCTURE -**

## **JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD**

- If you are interested in BPS accreditation, you need to make sure that you take courses in the 5 core areas across your JYA and year 4.
- If you didn't take a stats course in your overseas institution, or didn't take a comprehensive enough stats course, you should register for RMS2 and/or RMS3 this year.
- If you're unsure about this the study abroad coordinator is Prof. Caroline Watt ([Caroline.Watt@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Caroline.Watt@ed.ac.uk))



# **COURSE STRUCTURE -** **MEDICAL STUDENTS**

- **3 Optional Courses**  
(20 credits each)
- **RMS 2**  
(10 credits)
- 10 credits, choose one from  
RMS 3/Tutorial Course/Critical Analysis/Psychology  
in Action
- **Dissertation**  
(40 credits)





# OPTIONAL COURSES

- 12 different Optional Courses
- Mid-course assessment  
variety of assessments, MCQs, short essays, research proposal  
– online submission
  - S1 -> week beginning on 26<sup>st</sup> October 2020
  - S2 -> week beginning on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- Final assessment  
Variety of assessments: e.g. Essays or short questions - online submission
  - S1 -> 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 12 noon
  - S2 -> 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 12 noon
- Waiting list (email the Teaching Office)
- Deadline for course changes is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October



# GENERAL PAPER

10 credits module

- Online assessment: answer 2 essay questions (each 1500 words max) on general topics in psychology
- No specific teaching for the general paper but general paper topics are often covered in tutorials
- And staff members will offer a workshop on the general paper in S2
- Examples of past questions can be seen in the online exam papers (accessed via library website)  
<https://exampapers.ed.ac.uk/>
- Submission deadline: **Thursday 29th of April 2021, 12 noon**



# TUTORIAL

10 credits

- Small group teaching in blocks 2 and 3
- Variety of assessments (one in each block): e.g. 1000-word written work OR PowerPoint presentation OR poster
- Assessment should be submitted via learn, deadlines:

S1 -> 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 12 noon

S2 -> 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 12 noon

- You will receive an email (week 1 or 2) listing all staff members teaching on the tutorial course and you will be asked to rank your preferences
- You will have a different lecturer in block 2 and in block 3



# DISSERTATION

- 40 credits
- Original Research
- Students usually work in pairs/groups during data collection, data analysis and write-up is completed independently
- Usually structured like a research paper:
  - Introduction
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Discussion





# DISSERTATION

- Most projects have already been allocated, but you can still change to another *if available*
- Deadline for finalising project (title+supervisor) is **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 4pm**
  - Form signed electronically by the supervisor (You will receive an email with instructions about this)



# DISSERTATION

## POSTER DAY — 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

- Poster submission now mandatory through turnitin: **Tuesday 10th of November 2020 by 12.00 noon**
- Make poster presentation of your dissertation
- Feedback on the design of your dissertation from staff and peers feedback (unassessed)
- Coordinator **Chris Egan**: [c.egan@ed.ac.uk](mailto:c.egan@ed.ac.uk)
- Talk on poster preparation in semester 1 (information about this will be emailed you)



# DISSERTATION

- FEED-BACK from your supervisor
- As your work progress, you will be asked to complete a **STRUCTURED REPORT FORM** (major component of dissertation feedback)
  - Reports should be submitted to supervisors between week 8 of Semester 1 and week 3 of Semester 2, by mutual arrangement (around the midpoint of your dissertation work)
- Supervisors will provide **feedback** on the report and this will be supplemented by a **feedback meeting** where progress to date, and plans for completion and writing of the project, will be discussed



# DISSERTATION

- **Submission deadline:**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 4pm**
- **Dissertation event** – to celebrate the final submission of your dissertation  
**(TBC)**
- **The written report of your dissertation project is worth 100% of the mark**
  - **2 independent markers (one is your supervisor), general feed-back on your work**



# **COURSEWORK WORD COUNT POLICY**

- **Writing within a specified word limit is an important professional skill, all coursework should comply with stated word limit.**

**Avoid getting marked down!**



# ONLINE SUBMISSION

- All coursework marked online 👍👍
- *TurnItIn* (LEARN), there will be a box to fill in as your "submission title". Type your exam number **FIRST** before the title of your work.
- **BEWARE:** A penalty for incorrect filename labelling may be enforced for the Critical Analysis course.



# FEEDBACK ON COURSEWORK

- Online feedback for coursework 👍👍
- Mid course assessment
- Numerous feedback opportunities, e.g. comments on coursework, exam script review session (semester 2).
- Purpose of feedback meetings is to see what led to the mark and how to improve – NOT to argue mark up!
- All Honours – level work is moderated or double marked. Marking is also reviewed by external examiners. Grounds for appeal of Honours mark are very limited. (See course handbook)



# PSYCHOLOGY GRADING POLICY — 20 POINT SCALE

(FOR IMPRESSION BASED MARKING)

Grade		Marks	Advisory adjective	Degree Class
A1	Extraordinary First	92, 100	excellent	1 <sup>st</sup>
A2	Excellent First	85	excellent	1 <sup>st</sup>
A3	First	72, 75, 78	excellent	1 <sup>st</sup>
B	Upper Second	62, 65, 68	very good	2.1
C	Lower Second	52, 55, 58	good	2.2
D	Third	42, 45, 48	adequate	3
E	Marginal Fail	32, 38	inadequate	
F	Clear Fail	25	inadequate	
G, H	Bad Fail	0, 15	inadequate	





# WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO - *NOW*

- Finalise your choice of dissertation project
  - Deadline: **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 4pm**
- Finalise your choice of optional courses
  - Any changes to timetable
  - Requests for course changes should be directed to the course secretary, Stephanie Fong ([psyinfo@ed.ac.uk](mailto:psyinfo@ed.ac.uk))
  - Deadline for course changes is **2<sup>nd</sup> October**



# WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO - IN GENERAL

- Check *university email* regularly and frequently – that's where official announcements about changes to courses, important dates, etc., come through
- We have a departmental Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/edinburghunipsychology>
  - It is ***NOT*** an official communication channel, but is used to highlight events that may be of interest



# Help us to help you!

Any issues that you would like to feed back (anonymously or not) please get in touch with us, or with your students reps!



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