

Programme Regulations 2026/27

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Cognitive Science C859

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Cognitive Science with Professional Placement
1972U

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Cognitive Science with Placement Year 1964U

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Cognitive Science with International Study Year
1965U

Notes

- (i) These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.
- (ii) All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular module. Not all modules may be offered in all years, and they are listed subject to availability.
- (iii) Unless otherwise stated under 'Type', modules are not core.
- (iv) A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.
- (v) A core module is a module which a student must pass, and in which a fail mark may neither be carried nor compensated; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential for progression to a further stage of the programme or for study in a further module.
- (vi) All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.

1. Stage 1

- (a) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
PSY1004	Cognitive Psychology	10	10		4		
SEL1027	Introduction to the Structure of Language 1: Phonetics, Phonology & Morphology	20	20		4		
SFY0025	Introduction to Computing	10	10		3		
PHI1017	Philosophical Approaches to the Humanities and Social Sciences and Critical Reasoning	20	20		4		
MAS1499	Quantitative Methods for Cognitive Science 1	20	10	10	4		
PSY1015	Principles of Evolution, Genetics and Behavioural Development	10		10	4		
PSY2002	Perception	10		10	6		
SEL1028	Introduction to Language Structure 2: Syntax, semantics and pragmatics	20		20	4		

- (b) In order to be eligible to undertake a Professional placement a student must achieve a stage 1 average mark of at least 65%.

2. Stage 2

(a) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
PSY2014	Cognitive Neuroscience	10	10		6		
MAS2499	Quantitative Methods for Cognitive Science 2	20	10	10	5		
SEL2229	Experimental Methods in Linguistics	20		20	5		
PSY2030	Cognitive Computations: Real and Artificial Intelligence	20		20	6		

(b) All candidates shall take 50 credits of optional modules from the following list, at least 10 credits should be Psychology modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
PSY1017	Foundations in Developmental Psychology	10	10		4		
PSY2001	Developmental Psychology	10	10		6		
PSY2003	Social Psychology	10	10		6		
PSY2008	Psychological Enquiry 2: Principles of Psychology	10	10		6		
SEL2091	Sociolinguistics	20	20		5		
SEL2234	Pragmatic Theory	20	20		5		
SEL2000	Phonetics and Phonological Theory	20	20		5		
SEL2089	Syntactic Theory	20	20		5		
SEL2235	CHiLD: Current Hypotheses in Language Development	20	20		5		
SPE2053	Brain and Behaviour across the Lifespan II: Neuropsychology	10	10		5		
PHI2800	Philosophy and Science	10	10		5		
PSY2004	Individual Differences	10		10	6		
PSY2007	Biological Psychology: Sex, Drugs, Rhythms and Blues	10		10	6		
PSY2020	Introduction to Comparative Cognition and Behaviour	10		10	6		
SEL2239	Experimental Practicum	20		20	5		
SEL2241	Philosophy of Linguistics	20		20	5		
SEL2230*	Multilingualism	20		20	5		
SEL2237*	Introduction to Second Language Learning and Teaching	20	20		5		
SOC2027	Being Human: debates, questions and conversations in anthropology	20		20	5		

*Modules not offered in 2026/27

- (c) Optional modules must be approved by the Degree Programme Director and credit for each semester must not exceed the University requirements, i.e.: not less than 50 and not more than 70 credits per semester.

3. Placement Year

- (a) On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, candidates may have the opportunity to spend a year in a Professional Placement or Careers Placement with an approved organisation. Permission to undertake the placement is subject to approval by the Degree Programme Director. Candidates who are required to re-sit their Stage 2 assessment must delay the start of their placement until they have done so. Candidates who fail Stage 2 may not complete a placement year.

Professional Placement - Code: 1972U

- (b) All Professional Placement candidates shall take the following compulsory module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
PSY3000	Psychology Professional Placement Year	120	60	60	6		

- (c) If a pass mark is obtained for the Professional Placement, in addition to a student meeting the criteria for the BSc in Cognitive Science, then the degree of BSc in Cognitive Science with Professional Placement will be awarded. Failure to pass the Professional Placement will result in the candidate being transferred to the BSc (Hons) in Cognitive Science award.
- (d) In order to pass PSY3000 candidates must achieve a pass in each of three components of assessment: a poster, a reflective log, and supervisor report. If the poster or reflective log is failed, it will have to be retaken and a pass mark obtained. However, no resit can be offered for the supervisor report. Thus, if the supervisor report is failed, this will constitute a fail for the entire module.

Careers Placement – Code: 1964U

- (e) All Careers Placement candidates shall take the following compulsory module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
NCL3000	Career Service Placement Year Module	120	60	60	6		

- (f) If a pass mark is obtained for the Careers Placement, in addition to a student meeting the criteria for the BSc in Cognitive Science, then the degree of BSc in Cognitive Science with Placement Year will be awarded. Failure to pass the Careers Placement will result in the candidate being transferred to the BSc (Hons) in Cognitive Science award.

International Study Year – Code: 1965U

- (g) On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, candidates may spend the equivalent of one academic year abroad at an appropriate exchange partner institution. Permission to undertake a year abroad is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director.

Students who are required to re-sit their Stage 2 assessment must delay the start of their year abroad until they have done so. Students who fail Stage 2 may not complete a year abroad.

(h) All candidates shall take the following compulsory module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ISY3000	International Study Year Module	120	60	60	6		

(i) If a pass mark is obtained, in addition to a student meeting the criteria for the BSc in Cognitive Science, then the degree of BSc in Cognitive Science with International Study Year will be awarded. Failure to pass the International Study year will result in the candidate being transferred to the BSc (Hons) in Cognitive Science award.

4. Stage 3

(a) All candidates shall take the following compulsory module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
PSY3099	Empirical Project for Cognitive Science	40	20	20	6		

(b) Candidates may choose their remaining 80 credits from the following modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
PSY3058*	Art, Mind and Brain	20	20		6		
PSY3039	Clinical Sport & Exercise Psychology	20	20		6		
PSY3059	Shared Minds: Culture, collaboration, and creativity in humans and other animals	20	20		6		
SEL3349*	The History of Linguistic Ideas	20	20		6		
PSY3057	Decision Making and Cooperation: Understanding Our Choices	20		20	6		
SEL3005*	Origins and Evolution of Language	20	20		6		
PSY3060	Psychology of Education: Learning, Teaching and Neurodiversity	20		20	6		
PSY3056	The Damaged Brain: Case Studies in Neuropsychology	20		20	6		
SEL3430	Advanced Second Language Acquisition	20		20	6		
SEL2236	It's not what you say, it's how you say it: Prosody and intonation	20		20	5		
SEL3426*	Comparative Syntax: English in a cross-linguistic context	20		20	6		

SEL3431*	Laboratory Phonology	20		20	6		
SEL3438	From Input to Output: The Blackbox of Child Language Acquisition	20		20	6		

*Modules not offered in 2026/27

(c) Optional modules must be approved by the Degree Programme Director and credit for each semester must not exceed the University requirements, i.e.: not less than 50 credits and not more than 70 credits per semester. Candidates may replace 20 credits of the modules listed in (b) above with modules to the value of 20 credits from Level 5 or Level 6 modules not in the above list, subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director and timetabling constraints.

(d) Candidates may select the following module during the pre-registration process:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
NCL3007	Career Development for final year students	20	10	10	6		

Only modules listed above can be selected during pre-registration; modules selected from outside the list will be made during registration week and module booking will be subject to both timetabling constraints and capping.

5. Assessment methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.

6. Degree classification

Candidates will be assessed for degree classification on the basis of all the modules taken at Stages 2 and 3; the weighting of the stages being 1:2. The Professional and Careers Placement years, as well as the International Study Year, do not formally contribute to the degree classification. However, candidates on these awards must pass their placement year/international study year to graduate with the degree title (BSc Hons) in Cognitive Science with Professional Placement or BSc (Hons) in Cognitive Science with Placement Year or BSc (Hons) in Cognitive Science with International Study Year.

7. Exemptions to the University's Taught Programme Regulations

The BSc Honours in Cognitive Science with Professional Placement has a University exemption from the University's Taught Programme Regulations in relation to the offer of a resit opportunity for the Supervisor Report, which forms part of the assessment regime of PSY3000 – see Section 3(d). In the event of any inconsistency between the programme and University regulations in relation to the above section, the programme regulations take precedence over the University regulations.