



Programme Specification

With effect from: September 2025

A programme specification is the definitive record of your programme of study at the University. It sets out the aims, learning outcomes, and indicative content of the programme. You should read this programme specification alongside the relevant module descriptors and the University's Taught Programme Academic Regulations.

This specification only applies to the delivery of the programme indicated below. The details in this specification are subject to change through the modifications or periodic review processes.

1 Programme name and award

This programme specification relates to the following award(s)

BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology

2 Aims of the programme

Rationale and general aims, including what is special about this programme

The BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology programme provides you with a firm grounding in all core areas of psychology, coupled with an opportunity to study selected topics in Criminology alongside this. The Criminology element of this programme explores the nature of crime, policing, and justice systems. It reflects on processes of criminalisation and victimisation, including responses to them that do not involve official (public) policing and the criminal justice system. It analyses social definitions of crime and criminal behaviours and reflects upon competing social, historical, and cultural concepts of justice and punishment.

The programme also focuses on the development of employability skills to enable you to be an ethically and socially responsible participant in your community and in your graduate career.

This is a combined honours programme which means that 75% of the module credits at each level will be Psychology and the remaining 25% will be Criminology.

The programme also explores and challenges the historical legacy of the social

PSY6115 changed from core to option. PSY6006 changed to 45 credits and recoded to PSY6145 – AG approval 14.7.21

Two 60-credit modules changed to 30-credit module – School Board Approval January 2022

SOC6013 replaced by SOC6053 Genocide Studies – CIP PSB and FB approvals (November 2022)

Deletion/addition of modules, change of titles and change of semesters – Psychology PSB and FB approvals (November 2022)

Addition of optional modules approved PSB & FB (PSY6175 29/10/24 & 25/11/24 [CA]; SOC6075, SOC6085 & SOC6095 12/11/24 & 06/12/24 [CA])

sciences. Psychology has, for example, throughout its history, privileged a white Westernised account of human behaviour, leading to the perpetuation of social inequality and social injustice for groups of people not reflected in that privileged view of the world. In tackling these issues, through, for example, the inclusion of issues of race and culture in a range of case studies, the programme asks you to consider what role the social sciences should play in the 21st Century.

The programme aims to:

1. develop your scientific and critical understanding of the mind, brain, behaviour and experience, and the complex interactions between these;
2. develop your critical understanding of criminological theory as applied to a range of concepts.
3. develop your research skills to allow you to investigate a range of experience and behaviour, including an evaluation of the ethical issues surrounding psychological research and practice;
4. develop your transferable personal, practical and intellectual skills to enable you to confidently pursue a graduate career;

provide you with the British Psychological Society (BPS) Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC), which is the first step towards a career as a Chartered Psychologist.

3 Level Learning Outcomes and Employability Outcomes

Learning outcomes are expressed in terms of:

- Knowledge and understanding (K)
- Intellectual / cognitive / 'thinking' skills (I)
- Practical skills specific to the subject (P)
- Employability skills (E)

We design assessment tasks to enable you to demonstrate the Level Learning Outcomes and relevant Employability Outcomes for your level of study. To a greater or lesser extent, all Level Learning Outcomes at each level of your study are embedded in the assessment task(s) at that level. This means we can take a more integrated view of your overall performance at a level.

To progress to the next level, or to receive an award, you will need to satisfy the Level Learning Outcomes below and relevant Employability Outcomes and achieve credit as per the Taught Programme Academic Regulations.

Level Learning Outcomes	
Level 4	
K1	Foundational knowledge and the beginnings of a critical understanding of the range of core subject areas, including conceptual and historical issues in psychology, as defined by the British Psychological Society, including reference to recent scholarly resources and evidence, and the accurate use of scholarly conventions in so doing.

K2	Foundational knowledge and the beginnings of a critical understanding of areas of criminology.
K3	Understanding and application of a variety of basic methods of psychological research from design to dissemination, including quantitative and qualitative methods and approaches.
K4	A foundational understanding of the inherent variability and diversity of psychological functioning, including the contribution of pluralistic influences on this.
K5	A basic understanding of the contribution that psychology and criminology can make to the wider community and society and its role in promoting human values of equality and social justice.
I1	Secure use of basic analytical techniques appropriate to psychology and criminology.
I2	Begin to evaluate approaches to solving problems in psychology and criminology.
I3	A basic understanding and evaluation of ethics and values relevant to the application and practice of psychology and criminology.
I4	Communication of results and arguments, with awareness of the needs of the target audience.
I5	The ability to begin to reflect on the relationship between empirical evidence, practical experience and theoretical understanding, and to demonstrate a basic understanding of the limits of knowledge.
I6	The ability to work with others to design, conduct, analyse and report basic empirically based research projects under appropriate supervision, whilst conforming to ethical principles and codes of professional conduct.
I7	The ability to begin to employ knowledge in an integrated way to address real-world problems including, but not limited to, those associated with personal and professional development.
Level 5	
K1	Detailed knowledge and developing critical understanding of the range of core subject areas, including conceptual and historical issues in psychology, as defined by the British Psychological Society, including reference to recent scholarly resources and evidence, and the accurate use of scholarly conventions in so doing.
K2	Detailed knowledge and developing critical understanding of a range of areas of criminology.
K3	Detailed understanding and application of a variety of methods of psychological research from design to dissemination including complex quantitative and qualitative methods and approaches.

K4	The ability to recognise and understand the inherent variability and diversity of psychological functioning, including the contribution of pluralistic influences on this.
K5	An understanding of the contribution that psychology and criminology can make to the wider community and society and their role in promoting human values of equality and social justice.
I1	Secure use of complex analytical techniques appropriate to psychology and criminology.
I2	A developing evaluation of approaches to solving problems in psychology and criminology.
I3	Consideration and evaluation of ethics and values relevant to the application and practice of psychology and criminology.
I4	Effective communication of results and arguments, reflecting the needs of the target audience.
I5	The ability to reflect effectively on the relationship between empirical evidence, practical experience and theoretical understanding, and to understand the limits of knowledge.
I6	The ability to work with others to initiate, design, conduct, analyse and report empirically based research projects under appropriate supervision, whilst conforming to ethical principles and codes of professional conduct.
I7	The ability to employ knowledge in an integrated way to address real-world problems including, but not limited to, those associated with personal and professional development.
Level 6	
K1	Detailed knowledge and sophisticated critical understanding of the range of core subject areas, including conceptual and historical issues in psychology, as defined by the British Psychological Society, including reference to recent scholarly resources and evidence, and the accurate use of scholarly conventions in so doing.
K2	Detailed knowledge and sophisticated critical understanding of a range of areas of criminology.
K3	Critical understanding and application of a variety of methods of psychological research from design to dissemination and analysis, including quantitative and qualitative methods and approaches.
K4	A critical understanding of the inherent variability and diversity of psychological functioning, including the contribution of pluralistic influences on this.
K5	A critical understanding of the contribution that psychology and criminology can make to the wider community and society and its role in promoting human values of equality and social justice.
I1	Secure use of a range of complex analytical techniques appropriate to psychology and criminology.

I2	Sophisticated and comprehensive evaluation of approaches to solving problems in psychology and criminology.
I3	Sophisticated and comprehensive evaluation of ethics and values relevant to the application and practice of psychology and criminology.
I4	Sophisticated communication of results and arguments, fully adapted to the needs of the target audience.
I5	The ability to reflect on the relationship between empirical evidence, practical experience and theoretical understanding, and to understand the limits of knowledge
I6	The ability to work individually under appropriate supervision, to initiate, design, conduct, analyse and report empirically based research projects whilst conforming to ethical principles and codes of professional conduct
I7	The ability to employ psychological knowledge in an integrated and sophisticated way to address real-world problems including, but not limited to, those associated with personal and professional development

Employability Outcomes

Employability skills are embedded and assessed throughout your programme. Therefore, we use a generic set of employability outcomes at all levels of study.

E1	Self-management – the ability to plan and manage time; readiness to accept responsibility and improve their own performance based on feedback/reflective learning; the ability to take initiative and be proactive, flexible and resilient;
E2	Team-working – the ability to co-operate with others on a shared task and to recognise and take on appropriate team roles; leading, contributing to discussions and negotiating; contributing to discussions; awareness of interdependence with others;
E3	Business and sector awareness – an understanding of the key drivers for business success, including the importance of customer/client satisfaction and innovation; understanding of the market/sector in which an organisation operates; the ability to recognise the external context and pressures on an organisation, including concepts such as value for money, profitability and sustainability;
E4	Problem-solving – a capacity for critical reasoning, analysis and synthesis; a capacity for applying knowledge in practice; an ability to retrieve, analyse and evaluate information from different sources;
E5	Communication – the ability to present information clearly and appropriately, both orally and in writing, and to tailor messages to specific audiences and purposes;
E6	Application of numeracy – a general awareness of mathematics and its application in practical contexts; the ability to carry out arithmetic operations and understand data, to read and interpret graphs and tables and to manage a budget;

E7	Application of information technology – the ability to identify and use the appropriate IT package for a given task; familiarity with word-processing, spreadsheets and file management; the ability to use the internet and email effectively;
E8	Entrepreneurship/enterprise – the ability to demonstrate an innovative approach and creativity, to generate ideas and to identify and take opportunities;
E9	Social, cultural & civic awareness – embracement of an ethos of community and civic responsibility; an appreciation of diversity and ethical issues; an understanding of cultures and customs in the wider community.

4 External Benchmarks

Statement of congruence with the relevant external benchmarks

All Leeds Trinity University programmes are congruent with the Framework for HE Qualifications (FHEQ) and, where appropriate, the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) / National Qualification and Credit Framework (NQF).

The programme is congruent with the QAA Benchmark Statements for Psychology (2019) and Criminology (2019) and the curriculum requirements of the British Psychological Society.

5 Indicative Content

Summary of content by theme

Psychology

You will study a curriculum designed to provide a thorough grounding in core domains (biological, cognitive, developmental, individual differences and social psychology), underpinning further study of specialised areas in the final year.

Criminology

The Criminology modules provide an introduction to criminological theory in the first year, and an application of criminology to crime, media and culture in the second year. In the final year, one module is chosen from a range of options that apply criminological theory to society, gender, justice, crime or policing.

Research Skills

Skills in research and analysis are introduced and developed in the research methods modules in the first two years. This then culminates in an individual research project in the final year in which you will be supervised to design and undertake a small-scale piece of research in an area of your choice.

Professional and Personal Development

The programme is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership, provided the minimum standard of a Lower Second Class Honours is achieved. This is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

The programme also provides a balanced and career-relevant education for those not seeking a career in psychology. Embedded within the programme are professional skills, including a professional placement in each of the second and third years and the

option to undertake a placement or engage in a professional challenge project in the first year. We also focus on assessment methods throughout the programme that help you to develop the kinds of skills that are valued by employers.

Your personal development is supported by your Personal Tutor who you will meet regularly to review your personal development goals and achievements.

6 Programme Structure

Programme Structure – BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology (Combined Honours)			
Duration	3 years full-time		
Total credit rating	360 (180 ECTS)		
Level 4 – With effect from: September 2021			
Core: You are required to take the following modules			
Module Code	Module Title	Semester	Credits
PSY4003	Understanding Human Behaviour	Semester 1&2	30
PSY4063	Professional Development for Psychologists	Semester 1 & 2	30
PSY4073	Introduction to Research Skills for Psychologists	Semester 1 & 2	30
SOC4003	Introduction to Criminology	Semester 1&2	30
Level 5 – With effect from: September 2022			
Core: You are required to take the following modules			
PSY5033	Mind, Brain and Social Behaviour	Semester 1&2	30
PSY5083	Psychology Professional Development and Placement	Semester 1 & 2	30
PSY5093	Research Skills for Psychologists: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches	Semester 1 & 2	30
SOC5043	Crime, Media, Culture	Semester 1&2	30
Level 6 – With effect from: September 2023			
Core: You are required to take the following modules			
Module Code	Module Title	Semester	Credits
PSY6145	Psychology Research Project	Semester 1&2	45
PSY6115	Professional Learning Through Work	Semester 1&2	15
Options: You are required to choose 30 credits from the following modules			
Module Code	Module Title	Semester	Credits
PSY6035	Business Psychology	Semester 1	15

PSY6045	Psychology of Mental Health and Distress	Semester 1	15
PSY6165	Illusions, Biases, and Cognitive Impairments	Semester 1	15
PSY6065	Counselling Psychology	Semester 2	15
PSY6075	Critical Psychology	Semester 2	15
PSY6085	Cyberpsychology	Semester 2	15
PSY6155	Environmental Psychology	Semester 2	15
PSY6135	Forensic Psychology	Semester 2	15
PSY6125	Health Behaviour Change in Context	Semester 1	15
PSY6015	Psychology Negotiated Essay	Semester 2	15
PSY6005	Psychobiology of Stress and Illness	Semester 1	15
PSY6175	Collaborative Insights in Psychology and Culture	Semester 2	15

Options: You are required to either choose one 30 credit module OR two 15 credit modules, one from semester one and one from semester two, from the following:

Module Code	Module Title	Semester	Credits
SOC6033	Justice, Punishment and Human Rights	Semester 1 & 2	30
SOC6053	Genocide Studies	Semester 1 & 2	30
SOC6063	Organised Crime	Semester 1 & 2	30
SOC6073	Young People, (In)justice and Crime	Semester 1 & 2	30
SOC6035	Policing Priorities	Semester 1	15
SOC6025	Gender and Society	Semester 1	15
SOC6055	Criminalised Women	Semester 2	15
SOC6065	Crimes of the 21 st Century	Semester 2	15
SOC6075	Breathing Criminology: Inside Perspectives	Semester 2	15
SOC6085	Criminal Deaths and Society's Grief	Semester 2	15
SOC6095	Intelligence, Security and the British State	Semester 1	15

7 Pre-requisites

Modules students **must** study and achieve credit for before enrolling on a module at a higher level, or attaining their final programme award

N/A.

8 Learning, Teaching and Assessment

The University's Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy informs the design of your programme. You can find more information about learning, teaching and assessment for your programme (including information on Integrated Assessment) within the relevant Assessment Handbooks.

9 Entry requirements

Do the University's standard entry requirements apply?	Yes
Detail of any deviation from and/or addition to the University's standard entry requirements (if applicable)	N/A

10 Additional support needs

Students with disabilities or other support needs are welcome and are expected to be able to participate fully in this programme. Arrangements will be made, via the normal University support systems, to accommodate students with additional support needs wherever possible, with reasonable adjustments made to accommodate individual needs.

Programme-specific requirements / unavoidable restrictions on participation in the programme

N/A

11 Technical Information

Awarding Body / Institution	Leeds Trinity University
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Teaching institution	Leeds Trinity University
Parent Faculty	Social and Health Sciences
School	Psychology and Therapeutic Studies
Professional accreditation body	British Psychological Society
Final award	BSc (Hons)
Title of programme(s)	Psychology with Criminology
Subsidiary award(s)	Certificate of Higher Education, Diploma of Higher Education, Ordinary Degree
Honours type	Combined
Duration and mode(s) of study	3 Years Full-Time
Month/year of approval of programme	April 2020
Periodic review due date	2024/25
HECoS subject code(s)	100497 Psychology (75%) 100484 Criminology (25%)
UCAS course code(s)	C8M9
SITS route codes	PSYWCRM
Delivery venue(s)	Leeds Trinity University

12 Level Learning Outcomes and Employability Outcomes

The grids below demonstrate where Level Learning Outcomes and Employability Outcomes are assessed at module level and ensure that students are assessed in all Level Learning Outcomes at each level of their study. Students might not be assessed in all Employability Outcomes at each level of study. However, all Employability Outcomes will have been assessed by the end the programme.

Level 4	Assessed level learning outcomes												Skills development								
<i>Adjust LO codes as necessary. ↓</i>	K1	K2	K3	K4	K5	I1	I2	I3	I4	I5	I6	I7	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9
Lighter or hatched shading indicates modules that are not core, ie. not all students on this programme will undertake these.	<i>Knowledge of key theories and concepts</i>	<i>Knowledge -specialist areas</i>	<i>Understanding/application of research methods</i>	<i>Understanding diversity</i>	<i>Equality and social justice</i>	<i>Analytical techniques</i>	<i>Evaluate problem-solving approaches</i>	<i>Ethics and values</i>	<i>Communication of results and arguments</i>	<i>Understand limits of knowledge</i>	<i>Team-based research</i>	<i>Integrate and apply knowledge</i>	Self-management	Teamworking	Business & sector awareness	Problem-solving	Communication	Application of numeracy	Application of IT	Entrepreneurship / enterprise	Social, cultural & civic awareness
PSY4003 Understanding Human Behaviour																					
PSY4063 Professional Development for Psychologists																					
PSY4073 Introduction to Research Skills for Psychologists																					
SOC4003 Introduction to Criminology																					

Level 5	Assessed level learning outcomes												Skills development								
<i>Adjust LO codes as necessary. ↓</i>	K1	K2	K3	K4	K5	I1	I2	I3	I4	I5	I6	I7	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9
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PSY5093 Research Skills for Psychologists: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches																						

Level 6	Assessed level learning outcomes												Skills development								
<i>Adjust LO codes as necessary. ↓</i>	K1	K2	K3	K4	K5	I1	I2	I3	I4	I5	I6	I7	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9
Lighter or hatched shading indicates modules that are not core, ie. not all students on this programme will undertake these.	Knowledge of key	Knowledge -specialist areas	Understanding/applicati	Understanding	Equality and social	Analytical techniques	Evaluate problem-	Ethics and values	Communica tion of	Understand limits of	Team-based	Integrate and apply	Self-manageme	Teamworki ng	Business & sector	Problem-solving	Communic ation	Application of	Application of IT	Entreprene urship /	Social, cultural &
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