



Dear Applicant

The Psychology of Education team here at the School of Education would like to congratulate you on your offer of a place on our MSc Psychology of Education (BPS) programme. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and share with you some of the key features of the programme.

The core teaching team are all psychologists, with degrees and PhDs in Psychology. We are interested in applying our psychological expertise in the context of education and learning, and we work with colleagues from a wide range of disciplinary backgrounds across the School, the wider university, and the broader academic community. Across the team we have specialist expertise in all of the core areas of psychology: Biological/Neuropsychology; Cognitive Psychology; Developmental Psychology; Social Psychology; Individual Differences; and of course Psychological Research Methods and Statistics.

When you come to the School of Education you will join a community of learners who are committed to learning about the Psychology of Education and researching the best ways to support individuals in reaching their full potential.

We are incredibly proud of the diversity of our student body on the MSc Psychology of Education (BPS) programme. Our programme attracts full-time and part-time students from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds and cultures. Some of our students are new graduates and some are professionals all with different life experiences that add richness to class discussions.

Most of our students aspire to have a career in Psychology or Education and will go on to professional experience, training, and doctoral degrees. We encourage you explore other education cultures and contexts as much as you can by working with your peers throughout your study. We very much value professional knowledge and prior learning and these are the foundations that we build on as a community.

In order to meet the needs of part-time students, some teaching will be delivered in twilight sessions and during school holidays. Further information on unit timetables for 2018/19 will be published on our ['New Student Webpages'](#) over the Summer.

Feedback from this year's students include:

"It gave a new perspective of looking at psychology" (Brain, Mind and Education)

"The discussions that took place in the classroom were very inspiring and improved our critical thinking on the subject" (Professional Collaboration for Inclusive Education)

As well as studying and attending lectures, we have a busy programme of seminars, conferences and social events that you are encouraged to take part in. Within the School we have regular Bristol Conversations in Education, as well as the [MBESC](#) Network (Mind and Brain in Educational and Social Contexts) of researchers in Psychology in Education. We also have close links with other departments in the University, for example [Experimental Psychology](#), [Policy Studies](#), and [Community Health](#). Every term we hold student led seminars, presentations by our staff, and presentations by external speakers - both national and international. There will be a number of other events organized throughout the year which I am sure you will enjoy.

The Psychology of Education team look forward to meeting you. We are confident that you will enjoy the academic and professional challenges the programme will involve. In order to support preparations for your arrival please bookmark our '[New Student Webpages](#)'. These webpages will contain information and reminders on pre-arrival tasks to support your academic study.

If you have any questions about the programme or would like any support in helping you prepare for your programme, please do contact us.

With best wishes,



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