MSc Applied Psychology

Introduction
MSc Applied Psychology is an exciting new programme offered at the University of Greenwich. It is aimed at graduates in psychology and other related disciplines who are interested in developing their research skills and furthering their understanding of contemporary issues in applied psychology.

The programme is taught by staff from the Department of Psychology & Counselling, who have a wide range of applied and research skills. Expert guest lecturers and practitioners bring their own experience and give masterclasses in practical aspects of applied psychology, including clinical, forensic and occupational psychology. Lectures also explore practical issues, such as the dissemination of psychological findings through dealing with the media and writing for publication.

The programme is an excellent foundation for further professional training and study in psychology and provides an excellent springboard for doctoral training.

Entry requirements
You will usually be required to have an honours degree in psychology (normally at least a 2.1).

Programme outline
The programme is available full-time (from 2008) or part-time (from 2009). The full-time programme is studied over a period of one full calendar year. Students take courses in a range of areas of applied psychology during the three teaching terms and carry out a piece of original research for a dissertation over the course of the year. Courses are delivered using a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, laboratory classes and individual tutorials. Courses are assessed via essays, examinations, presentations, laboratory reports, research posters and a final dissertation.

What courses will you study?
The MSc is made up of five taught courses, studied across the first three terms, and a year-long dissertation. Three of the courses are compulsory, the other two are selected from a range of options, enabling you to tailor the MSc to meet your particular areas of interest.

Core courses

Applied Psychological Research
This course addresses the application of psychological research to real-world policy and practice. Students explore theories and research findings in psychology and examine how they relate to real-world settings, such as schools, the workplace and the justice system, and their use for the treatment of psychological disorders.

Applied Psychology in Practice
Guest lecturers and practitioners provide masterclasses in applied areas of psychology, such as clinical, forensic, educational and occupational psychology. Students also receive classes on disseminating research findings and dealing with the media when presenting research.

Advanced Research Methods in Psychology
This course provides a firm grounding in some of the research methods and tools used to collect and manage data in applied psychology. Students explore different methods of data analysis, including both qualitative and quantitative approaches, and are given training in data analysis software, such as NVivo and SPSS.

Dissertation
The dissertation is on an individual piece of research in an area of interest to the student. This utilises the skills and knowledge developed by the student during the programme and is written with the support of a supervisor from the Department of Psychology & Counselling. The research should be of a publishable quality and co-authoring of conference presentations and scientific journal articles is actively encouraged.
Options

You choose two courses from a range of options, enabling you to tailor the MSc to meet your own interests. Current options are listed below. This is not an exhaustive list and not all options may run every year.

- Advanced Developmental Psychology
- Principles of Cognitive and Behavioural Interventions
- Contemporary Issues in Cognitive Psychology
- Controversies in Mental Health and Mental Testing
- Relationships in Adulthood
- Counselling Theory
- Introduction to Educational Psychology
- Introduction to Health Psychology
- Psychology of Sport
- Neuroscience Perspectives on Current Trends in Psychology
- Psychopharmacology
- Social Psychology: Applied Social Issues

Research

MSc Applied Psychology focuses on research and practice in psychology. All members of staff within the Department of Psychology & Counselling are actively involved in research and/or practice and are members of the Applied Psychology Research Group.

Research interests

The research interests of staff lie in three main areas of applied psychology.

- **Brain, action and movement**
  
  Particular interests are in control of fine movement in healthy adults and neurological disorders, normal and pathological human locomotion, reaching and grasping, risk taking, impulsivity, human-computer interaction, organisational behaviour, psychology of paranormal belief and experience, performance and motivation, cross-modal attention, visual sensitivity to movement disorders, semantic influences in working memory, and the development of cognitive capacity.

- **Counselling, practice and development**
  
  The research expertise of the group principally relates to two interconnected areas – practice and identity development. This includes specific areas, such as the development of sexual identity, and the more general area of practitioner identity development at a time when the profession is moving towards statutory registration.

Recent publications in applied psychology include:


**Research seminars programme**

The Department of Psychology & Counselling holds regular research seminars by invited speakers from within the department and from other universities or institutions. These seminars will enable you to gain more insight into the research process and build a wider knowledge of diverse areas of psychology and current developments in the field.

For further details and to obtain an application form:

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