

# Access to University

## Access to Psychology

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Get ready for an exciting journey into psychology with this access course. It's your gateway to university-level studies, offering a strong foundation, essential skills, and a glimpse into various captivating aspects of psychology.

### When does this start and end?

- 15 September 2025 - 24 April 2026

### What are the entry requirements?

You will need a GCSE in English Grade 9-4 (A\*-C) or Functional Skills English Level 2. Previous experience in the subject, through work or education, is desirable. To secure a place on this course you will be required to attend an interview and demonstrate sufficient reading and writing skills.

### Need more information?

You can find out more about Northern College and the courses on offer by calling us on 01226 776000 or emailing us [courses@northern.ac.uk](mailto:courses@northern.ac.uk)

## Course description

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This course covers a wide range of topics, from how people behave when they are young to when they are adults, and how we understand and help with problems.

You'll learn about different parts of psychology, like how our brains work, how we think, and how we talk to each other. The course will teach you important skills for university, like

thinking critically and study skills. It's designed to help you get ready for more advanced studies in psychology.

You will study:

- Social Psychology
- Child Development
- Counselling Theory
- Biopsychology
- Key Aspects in Psychology
- Social Interaction



## What can this course lead to?

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Higher Education – a wide range of degrees including:

- BSc Psychology
- BSc Forensic Psychology
- BSc Psychology with Counselling
- BScs Psychology with Criminology
- BSc Psychology with Education
- BA Philosophy, Psychology and Scientific Thought

Future careers include but are not limited to Children, Families and Community Health, Social Work, Psychologist, Teaching, Clinical Psychologist, Social Services, Therapy and Counselling.

## Want to learn more?

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You can find out more about Northern College and the courses on offer at one of our Open Events [<https://www.northern.ac.uk/open-events/>]

## Location

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On-site

## Course fees and funding support

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This course is free to all eligible students aged 19 to 23 who have not previously gained a full Level 3 qualification. If you already possess a Level 3 qualification or are over the age of 24 you may consider covering the cost by applying for an Advanced Learner Loan (ALL) or arrange a payment plan with the College.

Did you know you don't need to repay your loan back if you complete a university degree afterwards or until you are earning a certain amount. For full details and ALL eligibility visit <https://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan/overview> [<https://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan/overview>]

## Course session dates

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Session dates for 15 September 2025 - 24 April 2026

- Wednesday 17 Sep 2025 to Friday 19 Sep 2025
- Wednesday 24 Sep 2025 to Friday 26 Sep 2025
- Wednesday 01 Oct 2025 to Friday 03 Oct 2025
- Wednesday 08 Oct 2025 to Friday 10 Oct 2025
- Wednesday 15 Oct 2025 to Friday 17 Oct 2025
- Wednesday 22 Oct 2025 to Friday 24 Oct 2025
- Wednesday 05 Nov 2025 to Friday 07 Nov 2025
- Wednesday 12 Nov 2025 to Friday 14 Nov 2025
- Wednesday 19 Nov 2025 to Friday 21 Nov 2025
- Wednesday 26 Nov 2025 to Friday 28 Nov 2025
- Wednesday 03 Dec 2025 to Friday 05 Dec 2025
- Wednesday 10 Dec 2025 to Friday 12 Dec 2025
- Wednesday 07 Jan 2026 to Friday 09 Jan 2026
- Wednesday 14 Jan 2026 to Friday 16 Jan 2026
- Wednesday 21 Jan 2026 to Friday 23 Jan 2026
- Wednesday 28 Jan 2026 to Friday 30 Jan 2026
- Wednesday 04 Feb 2026 to Friday 06 Feb 2026
- Wednesday 11 Feb 2026 to Friday 13 Feb 2026
- Wednesday 25 Feb 2026 to Friday 27 Feb 2026
- Wednesday 04 Mar 2026 to Friday 06 Mar 2026
- Wednesday 11 Mar 2026 to Friday 13 Mar 2026
- Wednesday 18 Mar 2026 to Friday 20 Mar 2026
- Wednesday 25 Mar 2026 to Friday 27 Mar 2026
- Wednesday 22 Apr 2026 to Friday 24 Apr 2026

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If you are not eligible, the cost of the course is £3,384.00. There is no option to pay to stay residentially if you do not meet the criteria for residential funding. The vast majority of students are eligible to study and stay residentially for free and we will confirm as part of the application process.

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