Get ready for BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology

We hope that you are enjoying your summer and are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. I am the Programme Leader for the BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology programme and I would like to warmly welcome you to UWE Bristol.

I look forward to meeting you once you have arrived but in the meantime I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting your programme with us.

Dr James Macdonald
Programme Leader

Before you start

The programme team and I are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 14th September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and get to know your teaching team and course mates. The activities during Starting Block will help you to find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the Starting Block web page for more details.

Your timetable will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the enrolment process. Please visit the Understanding your teaching timetable web page to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival
You can find everything you need to know about enrolment, Starting Block, and the start of teaching on our Preparing and Arrival web page. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the library, study skills, academic support, health and wellbeing support and much more.

Enrolment
Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the MYUWE platform where you can enrol. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Enrolment for programmes starting in September will be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our Enrolment website.

ID card - upload your photo now
We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to MYUWE. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive your login details. For help, go to our student card guidance.

Engage with your programme

Start your learning
Have a look at the blog posts for the Psychological Sciences Research Group, which is the research group to which most psychology staff belong.

Have a look at the British Psychological Society (BPS) careers and career choices and case studies web pages to start considering different career pathways in psychology. Please note that there are many things outside of psychology you can do with a psychology degree as well!

Read around your subject
A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive. Explore the Library web pages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

We've created a special, pre-enrolment reading list for you which contains recommended textbooks as well as links to readings, podcasts, videos, and websites that relate to psychology and your programme.

If you'd like to read more about psychology please have a look at the resources on the webpage of the British Psychological Society.

Connect with others
Have a look at social media for UWE Psychology to learn more about the programme and start connecting with your course mates.

- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/uwepsychology/
- Facebook: Psychology Community@UWE Bristol

Be prepared

Access support
Check the information on our Disability web pages so you know what you need to do if necessary. If you need support to fully access activities during your studies, please contact your programme team.

If you experience any financial issues during your studies at UWE Bristol please contact the Student Money Service for advice and guidance.

Get equipped
UWE Bristol has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your programme. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access computers.

You will, however, benefit from having your own laptop, particularly if your access to on-

campus facilities is limited. UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal computers and laptops for the duration of your programme.

Refer to the UWE website for detailed information on choosing your IT equipment including recommended specifications. For your programme the **Core Specification** should be sufficient; however, you may wish to consider futureproofing by purchasing a machine with the **Enhanced** or **Intensive** specification, particularly if you are thinking that you may want to do intensive data processing on your own device (e.g., some research projects involve intensive data processing).

International students
The Global Student Support Team offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They can help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the programme, please contact me, your Programme Leader:

Dr James Macdonald via email (James.Macdonald@uwe.ac.uk) or view my Staff profile.

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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