

# **Psychological Science, 1<sup>st</sup> cycle degree course**

## **School of Psychology, University of Padua**

### **Department of General Psychology**

The Bachelor's course in Psychology takes into account the recent changes of an increasingly European and global world where students are asked to be flexible, ready to change, and on the move. The latter is intended as the exchange and sharing of experiences and knowledge using the English language. The uniqueness of the degree course is that it is given entirely in English, which makes it attractive to all those wishing to acquire the bases of Psychology in an International environment.

Similarly to other European bachelors, this degree course aims at supplying solid theoretical bases in all the main domains of Psychology without channelling training towards one or the other sector of the discipline. Throughout the course the following teachings will be activated: Psychology of cognitive and sensory processes, Psychobiology and biological bases of behaviour, Methodology and statistics, Developmental psychology, Social and communication psychology and Organisational psychology, Clinical-dynamic psychology and Clinical psychology. The academic offer will include also a number of optional courses that will deal with issues such as Artificial intelligence, Psychology of language, Psychology of visual and spatial processes.

The Degree is the result of a profound reflection on the internationalization of teaching and aims at producing cultural and professional profiles fit for Europe and beyond, not only for Italy. For example, in contexts with multicultural populations or with frequent interactions with other countries. Acquiring solid basic knowledge in Psychology in the English language allows students to learn in a more dynamic way and face new learning requirements.

In line with the teaching methods of foreign universities, students' practical action will be encouraged and there will be constant interaction between students and teachers via, among other things, videos, setting up work groups, and so on. This way of teaching, so different from the usual Italian frontal lessons, will be the main characteristic of this Degree. Students' learning will be facilitated by encouraging them to participate in practical activities, carry out individual or group research, reflect on specific topics, prepare reports to propose to their professors and to the class (flipped lessons). Internationalization will be strongly pursued with courses held by foreign professors who will import and apply their knowledge and their ways of teaching. The Bachelor intends to be one of the excellences of the University of Padua, using up-to-date teaching methods and ensuring high-quality learning.

The Department of General Psychology offers a variety of research laboratories (e.g., with animals, with equipment to measure psycho-physiological indexes and to study sleep, with instrumentation for transcranial stimulation, with equipment to video-record children's behaviour), which the students will be able to utilise to integrate lectures, group discussions, and laboratory research.

The graduates will be able to seek occupations as operators in social services to the individual, in organisations, in the development of human resources, in psychosocial and developmental contexts, and in international cooperation.

Over three years the Degree will develop an increasingly international viewpoint by engaging as much as possible in promoting study opportunities abroad through the Erasmus programme in order to implement the didactic, cultural, and research exchanges. The aim is to favour access to a greater and greater number of students from EU and non-EU countries so as to make the group more culturally mixed.

In the third year of the course the students will spend a period of internship, at a university or at an external organisation, either collecting data or doing bibliographic research.

To achieve an efficacious and satisfactory Degree, student experience will be constantly monitored and efforts will be made to solve any problems that might arise along the program of the Degree. This will be done both by meeting individual professors and talking with sympathetic tutors, as well as through tutorial teaching aimed at solving specific learning issues.

Student evaluation will guarantee the efficacy and the quality of the Degree. The use of questionnaires that will evaluate both teaching and learning will enable the Degree to constantly monitor its own efficacy.

### **From Bachelor's to Master's degree**

This Bachelor's degree program allows access to:

- 1) any of the Master's degree programs offered by the school of Psychology of Padua or by other Italian Universities.
- 2) the International Master course program *Cognitive neuroscience and Clinical neuropsychology* provided by the School of Psychology
- 3) a Master's degree course offered by foreign Universities. This option is strictly related to the possibility to create strategic partnerships with other countries for student mobility.

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**Access to this degree course is granted on the basis of two requisites:**

- 1. High school diploma or other equivalent title gained abroad.**
- 2. An entry test in English to evaluate candidate's general knowledge.**

**No official certificate of knowledge of English is required. In the first year a credited optional teaching (Basic English in Psychology) is devoted to improving competence in English.**

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### **The first academic year**

1st semester (from October 2015)

M.PSI/01 Basic concepts of psychology (mod A)

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M-PSI/02 Brain and behaviour (mod A)	6	6
M-PSI/07 Principles of Psychodynamic Psychology	6	6
L-LIN/12 Basic English in Psychology	6	(6)
M-PSI/04 Developmental psychology	9	9

### 2nd semester (from March 2016)

M.PSI/01 Basic concepts of psychology (mod B)	6	6
M-PSI/02 Brain and behaviour (mod B)	6	6
M-FIL/02 Philosophy of science	6	6
M.PSI/03 Basic research methods in Psychology	6	(6)
M-PSI/05 Social Psychology and Communication	9	9
Computer skills	3	