

How to apply for a studentship at Essex in the Department of Psychology:

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Choose your course

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To search for a course enter a word from the title of the course you would like to apply for (e.g. business). Do not enter the award (e.g. MSc or MA).

Please note that our academic year runs from September of one year to August of the next year.

Course title

Level of course Postgraduate taught Postgraduate research

Date of entry September 2018 - August 2019 September 2019 - August 2020

Study option Full time Part time 

Search

If you search here for “psychology” you should get the following list:

Course title	Department	Start date	Campus	Study option	Study type	Award	Select?
Analytical Psychology	Psychosocial and Psychoanalytic Studies	October 2018	Colchester	Part time	Research	Doctorate	[Select]
Applied Psychology	School of Health and Social Care	October 2018	Colchester	Full time	Research	MPhil	[Select]
Applied Psychology	School of Health and Social Care	October 2018	Colchester	Part time	Research	MPhil	[Select]
Applied Psychology	School of Health and Social Care	October 2018	Colchester	Full time	Research	PhD	[Select]
Applied Psychology	School of Health and Social Care	October 2018	Colchester	Part time	Research	PhD	[Select]
Clinical Psychology (D Clin Psych)	School of Health and Social Care	October 2018	Colchester	Full time	Research	Doctorate	[Select]
Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuropsychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Full time	Taught	MSc	[Select]
Neuropsychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Full time	Research	PhD	[Select]
Neuropsychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Part time	Research	PhD	[Select]
Neuropsychology	Department of Psychology	January 2018	Colchester	Full time	Research	PhD	[Select]
Neuropsychology	Department of Psychology	April 2018	Colchester	Full time	Research	PhD	[Select]
Neuropsychology	Department of Psychology	January 2018	Colchester	Part time	Research	PhD	[Select]
Neuropsychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Full time	Research	MPhil	[Select]
Neuropsychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Part time	Research	MPhil	[Select]
Neuropsychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Full time	Research	MSc (diss)	[Select]
Neuropsychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Part time	Research	MSc (diss)	[Select]
Psychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Full time	Research	MPhil	[Select]
Psychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Part time	Research	MPhil	[Select]
Psychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Full time	Taught	MSc	[Select]
Psychology	Department of Psychology	January 2018	Colchester	Full time	Research	PhD	[Select]
Psychology	Department of Psychology	January 2018	Colchester	Part time	Research	PhD	[Select]
Psychology	Department of Psychology	April 2018	Colchester	Part time	Research	PhD	[Select]
Psychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Full time	Research	MSc (diss)	[Select]
Psychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Part time	Research	MSc (diss)	[Select]
Psychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Full time	Research	PhD	[Select]
Psychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Part time	Research	PhD	[Select]
Research Methods in Psychology	Department of Psychology	October 2018	Colchester	Full time	Taught	MSc	[Select]

Please select “Psychology full time PhD”.

Underneath, you will see the following boxes:

Proposed research topic or area of research *

If you have contacted a potential supervisor to discuss your application or research proposal, please provide the person's full name.

Please enter the **title** of the studentship you wish to apply for in the turquoise box, followed by the word “studentship” and the **supervisor** of the studentship in the white box below.

You can then proceed with the rest of the application. **Please note you do NOT need to upload a research proposal – you can ignore that part of the application if you are applying for a studentship.**

So for example, for this studentship:

Men’s obsession with masculinity and its impact on health and well-being



Compared with women’s concerns about body image, research and public debate about body dissatisfaction in men is long overdue. Yet, we do know that body dysmorphia and eating disorders in men have increased at an alarming rate in recent years. This has been attributed to greater societal pressures to appear perfect, regardless of gender. Overwhelming concerns with being masculine can lead men to adopt unhealthy lifestyles in order to live up to their own self-image.

This project will use behavioural surveys, perceptual tests and brain imaging techniques to investigate how deep maladaptive body image runs, and what factors explain why and how people stop listening to their bodies for better looks. It is important to understand these mechanisms because people who appear fit and healthy, but who might engage in extreme health behaviours, are often a public source of inspiration to others. This may be a strong contributing factor to the rise of body dissatisfaction in adolescent boys in particular.

The student will be based in Psychology (ranked 13th in the UK for research quality in REF 2014). Psychology’s Centre for Brain Science and the School of Sport, Rehabilitation and Exercise Sciences feature excellent facilities for use in this project, which draws together expertise on body representations (Gillmeister) and athletes’ nutritional choices (Reed).

Additional questions and queries should be addressed to Dr Gillmeister (helge@essex.ac.uk) and Dr Reed (reedk@essex.ac.uk).

Deadline for applications: 21st May 2018

Please contact the Graduate Administrator for further information about how to apply: Julie Peirson, email juliep@essex.ac.uk, telephone 01206 873822

You would enter “Men’s obsession with masculinity and its impact on health and well-being studentship” in the *Proposed research topic or area of research* box, and “Dr Gillmeister and Dr Reed” in the supervisor box.