

Why University?

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Accounting & Finance
Biological Science
Business & Management
Classics
Comparative Literature & Culture
Computer Science
Drama & Theatre
Earth Sciences
Economics

Electronic Engineering
English
Geography
Health Studies
History
Languages, Literature & Cultures
Law & Criminology
Liberal Arts
Mathematics

Media Arts
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Politics & International Relations
Psychology
Social Science



TODAY'S SESSION

- Why university?
- Choosing a course and university
- Financial support



Why do people go to
university?

ACADEMIC



Gain subject knowledge

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Be taught by subject experts



Access state of the art facilities

Develop transferable skills



PERSONAL



Gain independence

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See new places



Meet new people

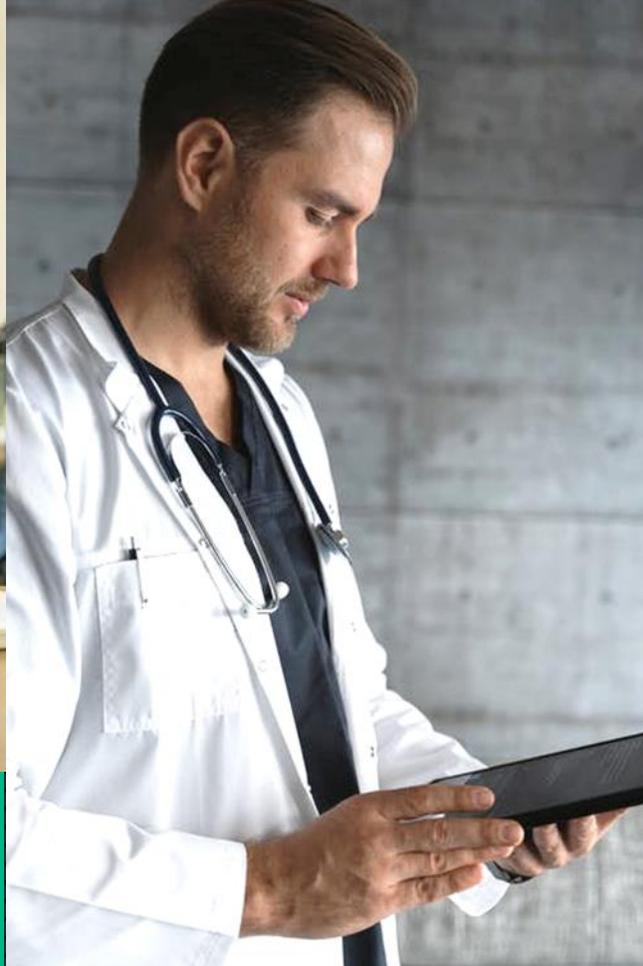
Take part in new experiences



PROFESSIONAL



Start a certain career path



Get work experience

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Become more employable

Potentially earn more money



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



Not sure what you want to do?

Many fields will hire graduates with a degree in any subject.

Employers are looking to hire students with **transferable skills**.



TYPES OF SKILLS

Personal skills	Transferable skills	Knowledge based
Independence	Communication	Computer programming
Leadership	Teamwork	Playing a musical instrument
Integrity	Organisation	Driving
Patience	Numeracy	Playing a sport
Flexibility	Literacy	Chemical analysis
Compassion	Critical thinking	Speaking a language
Loyalty	Reflection	Graphic design tools
Resilience	Problem solving	First aid
Initiative	Computer literacy	Statistical analysis
Motivation	Attention to detail	Budgeting

35,000





TYPES OF DEGREES

FOUNDATION

- Prior to UG
- 1 Year foundation + 3 Years UG
- Additional support to prepare for UG workload

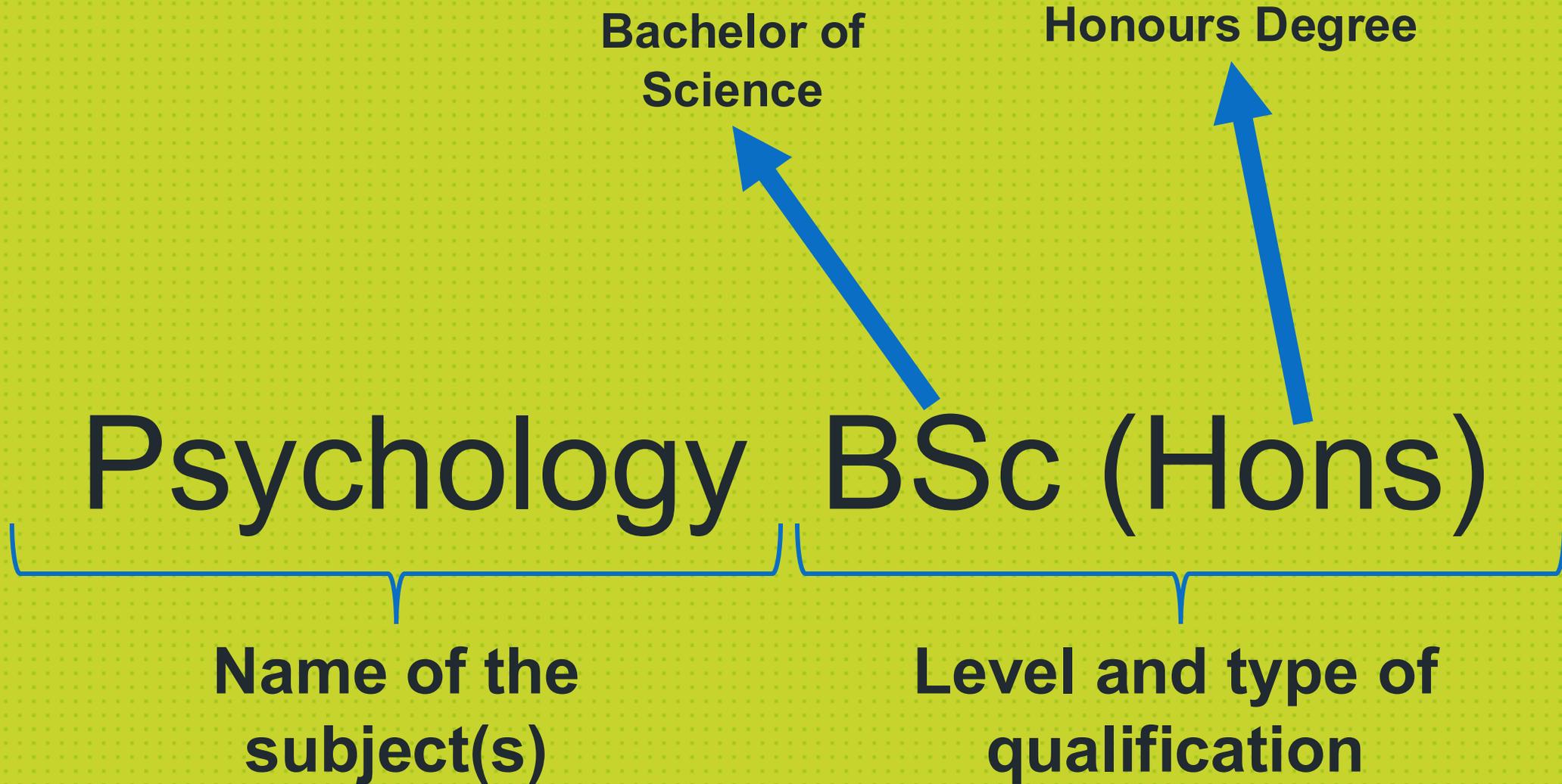
UNDERGRADUATE

- First degree
- Typically 3 years (excluding Scotland)
- Called 'bachelors'
- BA (Arts), BSc (Science), BEng (Engineering), BMus (Music), LLB (Law)

YEAR WORKING IN THE INDUSTRY/STUDY ABROAD

- Typically 4 years
- Year 1 + 2 studying at uni
- Year 3: working in the industry full time (normally paid roles) or
- Year 3: studying abroad – Royal Holloway offers 83 Global partnerships
- Year 4 – studying at uni

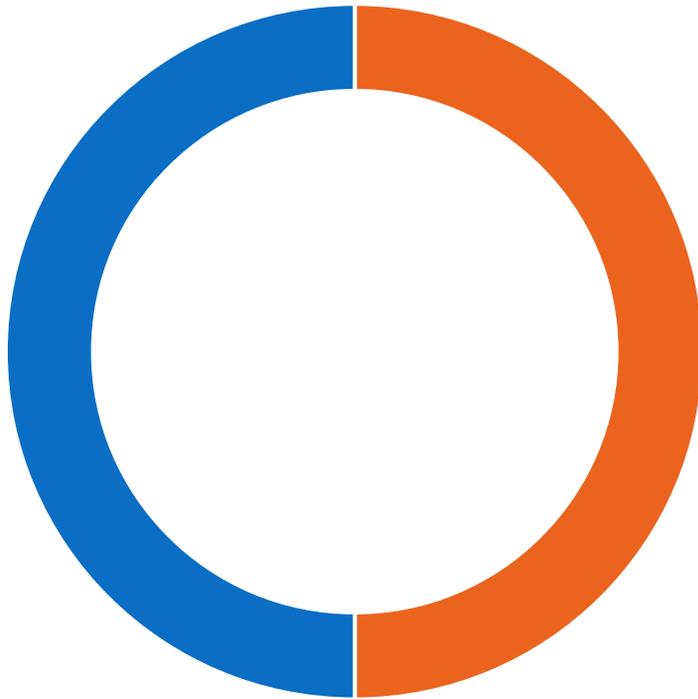
DEGREE NAMES



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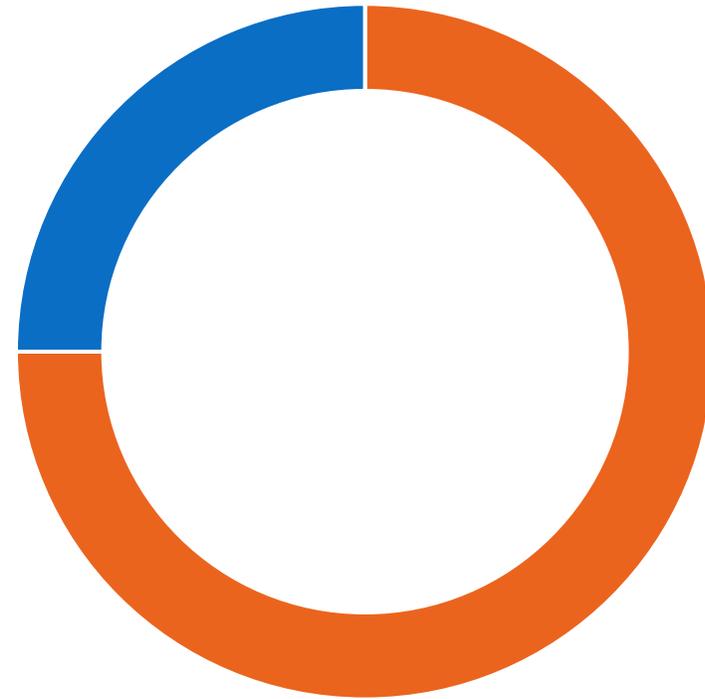
Want to study more than one subject?

'and'



■ Subject one ■ Subject two

'with'



■ Subject one ■ Subject two



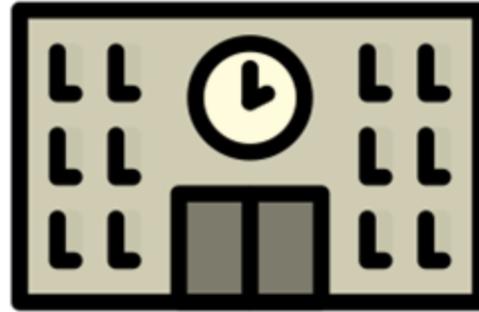
WHERE CAN I STUDY?



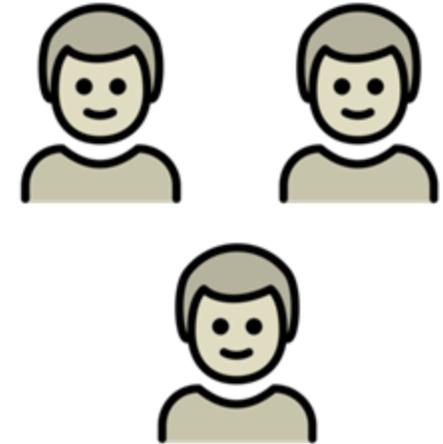
WHERE TO LIVE



Living at home
and commuting



Moving out but
close to home



Moving further
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TYPE OF UNIVERSITY



City

Campus



Collegiate



- Key**
- Academic
 - Social
 - Accommodation
 - P Car park
 - Step free route
 - ↗ Gradient
 - P Accessible car parking
 - ⊖ Bus stop
 - ⚠ Toucan crossing
 - ☕ Café
 - 🍷 Picnic area
 - 🛒 Shop
 - 📖 Library
 - £ Bank
 - e Event & Exhibition spaces
 - 👤 Student Services Centre
 - C Careers & Employability Service



FACILITIES



Accommodation



Study spaces



Sports facilities

FACILITIES



Social areas



Food and drink



Support services

HOW TO NARROW DOWN YOUR CHOICES



Reflect on your plans
and priorities

Research your
options

Make a shortlist



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HOW ELSE CAN I PAY FOR MY STUDIES?

EXTRA SUPPORT

Scholarships

- Academic excellence or ability in other areas e.g. sport.
- Competitive - you are applying to a set number of awards against other students.

Bursaries

- Awarded on personal circumstances e.g. household income.
- Usually everyone who is eligible receives the award.

UK students are potentially missing out on more than £150 million worth of scholarships, according to research by The Scholarship Hub

SCHOLARSHIPS



- Barbara Raw Scholarships for English
- Barbara Raw for English Access Scholarship
- Donald Davies Computer Science Scholarship
- Elaine Etherton Scholarship
- Geoffrey Kneebone Scholarship
- Music Scholarships
- Physics Scholarship
- Sports Scholarships
- The Red Rose Future Leaders Scholarship
- University of London Scholarship

Cash award of £3,500 per year for three years for a student from the UK studying a selected Royal Holloway undergraduate degree.

Cash awards, performance and training opportunities for students who excel in their chosen music or sport.

Full tuition fee reduction for students with leadership potential within selected academic departments.

Tuition fee reduction and contribution towards living costs up to £10,000 for students from London.

BURSARIES



Access Entry

£1,000 in each year of study

Care Leavers and
Estranged Students

£3,000 in each year of study

Household income less
than £25,000

£1,300 in each year of study

Household income between
£25,000-£30,000

£500 in each year of study

IS UNIVERSITY RIGHT FOR YOU?

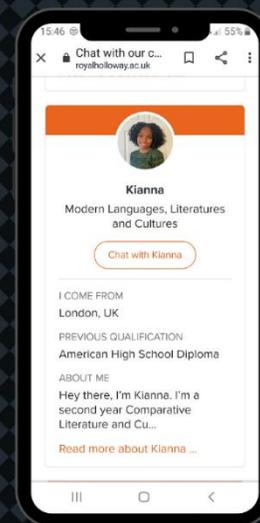
- Why do you want to continue with your studies?
- Is university the best option for your future career?
- What requirements do you need to meet?
- What courses and opportunities are available?



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