

Programme Specification – 2019/20

1. Awarding body	University of Surrey		
2. Teaching institution (if different)	University Centre Farnborough (Farnborough College of Technology)		
3. Final award and programme/pathway title	BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sociology		
4. Subsidiary award(s) and title(s)	Award	Title	
	Cert HE	Psychology with Sociology	
	Dip HE	Psychology with Sociology	
	BSc (Ord)	Psychology with Sociology	
5. FHEQ Level	Levels 4, 5 and 6		
6. Credits and ECTS credits	360 UK credits – 180 ECTS credits		
7. Name of Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB)	Not applicable		
8. Mode of study and route code		Mode of study	Route code
	Full-time	X	
	Full-time with PTY		
	Part-time		
	Distance learning		
9. UCAS code	CL84		
10. QAA Subject benchmark statement (if applicable)	Psychology (2016) and Sociology (2016)		
11. Other internal and / or external reference points	Not applicable		
12. Faculty and Department/School	Faculty of Academic Studies		
13. Programme Leader	Brian Rubin		
14. Date of production/revision of the specification	May 2019		
15. Educational aims of the programme:			
<p>A joint honours degree is one that allows you to study more than one subject and then combine them into a single qualification. This programme will allow you to explore more than one area of interest and help you to understand a range of key issues, debates and concepts in both of your chosen academic disciplines. The joint honours programme is a particularly good choice if you wish to follow a broader and more flexible programme and keep your future career options open. There will be an opportunity at Level 5 to specialise when deciding which of the two disciplines in which to write your dissertation.</p> <p>The BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sociology aims to provide students with knowledge of the interrelated fields of human psychology and sociology, and an understanding of how human behaviour may be shaped by society and social forces. The degree will develop independent research skills and an enhanced ability in analytical and critical thinking, as well as to equip students with the necessary skills required for a career in a wide range of related professions.</p> <p>The programme aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide students with a sound knowledge and understanding of the core areas and theories in the disciplines of psychology and sociology; 			

- To enable students to make connections between the two subject areas by developing an understanding of real life applications of theory to experience and behaviour in psychology and sociology including associated ethical issues;
- To enable students to develop independent learning skills and skills for lifelong learning (including literacy, numeracy, written and oral communication and IT skills);
- To stimulate students' intellectual development and powers of critical analysis through the opportunity to undertake independent research using a range of appropriate skills, techniques and methods for investigating experience and behaviour in psychology and sociology;
- To enable the practice and enhancement of interpersonal skills, group working, time management, self-awareness and self-reflection which will enable students to pursue careers in a variety of work environments; and
- To provide students with the appropriate knowledge and skills for relevant employment for which the degree is considered suitable or to undertake postgraduate level study.

16. Programme learning outcomes – the programme provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding, skills, qualities and other attributes in the following areas:

Intended Learning Outcomes:

- to develop knowledge and understanding in the disciplines of psychology and sociology;
- to develop the cognitive skills of independent research, hypothesis testing and critically evaluating theory, research findings and applications in psychology and sociology, as well as reflecting on one's own abilities;
- to develop an awareness and understanding of ethical issues in psychology and sociology;
- to develop the general transferrable skills of reading, numeracy, communication, time management, using IT and the ability to work independently and as part of a team;
- to develop an awareness of the social and cultural context of psychological and sociological research; and
- to provide students with the appropriate knowledge and skills for relevant employment for which the degree is considered suitable or to undertake postgraduate level study.

Knowledge and understanding of

KP1. Understand the scientific underpinnings of Psychology as a discipline, its historical origins, development and limitations.

KP2. Recognise the inherent variability and diversity of psychological functioning and its significance.

KP3. Demonstrate systematic knowledge and critical understanding of a range of influences on psychological functioning, how they are conceptualised across the core areas and how they interrelate.

KP4. Demonstrate detailed knowledge of several specialised areas and/or applications

KP5. Demonstrate a systematic knowledge of a range of research paradigms, research methods and measurement techniques, including statistics and probability, and be aware of their limitations.

KS1. Key concepts and theoretical approaches that have been and are developing within Sociology.

KS2. Social diversity and inequalities.

KS3. The role of culturally organised processes in social life.

KS4. Processes underpinning social change, including globalisation.

KS5. The distinctive character of Sociology in relation to other forms of understanding, such as its relation to other disciplines and to everyday explanations.

KS6. The relationship between analysis of evidence and sociological arguments.

KS7. A range of qualitative, quantitative and digital data sources, research strategies and methods of data collection and analysis.

KS8. The importance of ethical issues.

Intellectual / cognitive skills

C1. Demonstrate reflection and effective communication.

C2. Undertake a significant piece of independent research and produce a fully referenced essay in an approved academic format presenting and evaluating findings and methodology.

C3. Intellectual independence and an ability to marshal an argument.

C4. Apply analytical skills and awareness of ethical implications of research.

C5. Search literature to produce a fully referenced essay/assignment/dissertation/research report in an approved academic format.

C6. Effective problem solving and decision making using appropriate strategies.

C7. Being able to problem solve, develop a reasoned argument and make critical judgements and evaluations.

Professional practical skills

P1. Ability to gather, organize and deploy evidence, data and information.

P2. Identify, synthesise and apply key concepts.

P3. Use appropriate digital methods to collect, process and present data and conclusions.

Key / transferable skills

T1. Effectively communicate information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms (including digital).

T2. Effective self-management in terms of time, planning and behaviour, motivation, self- starting.

T3. Work effectively individually and as part of a team.

T4. Use effective personal planning and project management skills.

T5. Develop presentation skills.

The programme aims to deliver the following learning outcomes at different levels:

Cert HE – KP1, KP2, KP3, KP4, KP5, KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4, KS5, KS6, KS7, KS8, C1, C3, C5, C6, C7, P1, P2, P3, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5

Dip HE – KP1, KP2, KP3, KP4, KP5, KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4, KS5, KS6, KS7, KS8, C1, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, P1, P2, P3, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5

17. Programme structure – including the route / pathway / field requirements, levels modules, credits, awards and further information on the mode of study.

- The programme is a fast track degree programme studied over 2 academic years and is full-time.
- The programme is divided into modules. All taught modules are worth 15 credits, which is indicative of 150 hours of learning, comprised of student contact, research, self-study and assessment, with the exception of the Dissertation module valued at 45 credits.

- In order to achieve the full award students must complete 120 credits at each of the three FHEQ Levels 4,5 and 6.
- Students that do not complete the full programme may be awarded the Certificate of Higher Education for 120 credits achieved at Level 4, or the Diploma of Higher Education for 120 credits achieved at Level 4 and 120 credits at Level 5.
- On successful completion of the programme, students may progress to a postgraduate qualification or on to employment.

Programme adjustments (if applicable)

Not applicable

FHEQ Level 4: potential award – Certificate of Higher Education (120 credits)

Module code	Module title	Core /compulsory /optional	Credit volume	Semester (1 / 2)
PSY4001	Introduction to Psychology	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
PSY4002	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
PSY4003	Psychological Research Methods	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
COM4001	Academic Skills	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
SOC4001	Introduction to Sociology	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
SOC4002	The Sociology of Gender	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
SOC4003	The Sociology of Inequality	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
COM4002	Contemporary Issues	Compulsory	15	1 & 2

How many optional modules must a student choose in order to achieve the necessary amount of credits to achieve this level?

N/A

FHEQ Level 5: Potential award – Diploma of Higher Education (240 credits)

Module code	Module title	Core /compulsory /optional	Credit volume	Semester (1 / 2)
PSY5005	Social Psychology I	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
PSY5006	Biological Psychology	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
PSY5007	Developmental Psychology	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
PSY5008	Research and Data Analysis	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
PSY5012	Applied Research Methods in Psychology	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
SOC5005	'Race' and Racism in Modern Society	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
SOC5006	The Sociology of Culture and Media	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
SOC5007	The Sociology of Education	Compulsory	15	1 & 2

How many optional modules must a student choose in order to achieve the necessary amount of credits to achieve this level?

N/A

FHEQ Level 6: Potential award – BSc (Ordinary), BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sociology

Module code	Module title	Core /compulsory /optional	Credit volume	Semester (1 / 2)
PSY6009	Social Psychology II	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
PSY6010	Individual Differences	Compulsory	15	1 & 2
PSY6011	Cognitive Psychology	Compulsory	15	1 & 2

JHS6001	Dissertation (Psy)	Compulsory	45	1 & 2
SOC6009	Contemporary Sociological Theories	Optional	15	1 & 2
SOC6013	Risk Society in a Digital Age	Optional	15	1 & 2
SOC6011	The Sociology of Literature	Optional	15	1 & 2
How many optional modules must a student choose in order to achieve the necessary amount of credits to achieve this level?	Students must take 2 optional modules from the 3 listed – <i>please note that not all optional modules may be available</i>			
18. Opportunities for placements / work-related learning / collaborative activity – please indicate if any of the following apply to your programme				
Associate Tutor(s)/Guest Speakers/Visiting Academics				No
Professional Training Year (PTY)				No
Placement(s) (study or work that are not part of the PTY or Erasmus Scheme)				No
Clinical Placement(s) (that are not part of the PTY Scheme)				No
ERASMUS Study (that is not taken during Level P)				No
Study exchange(s) (that are not part of the ERASMUS Scheme)				No
Dual degree				No
19. Quality assurance				
The <i>Regulations and Codes of Practice</i> for taught programmes can be found at: http://www.surrey.ac.uk/quality_enhancement/index.htm				