

## Important information to consider when choosing your course

### Psychology Courses

- **BSc (Hons) Psychology including foundation year entry**
- **BSc (Hons) Counselling and Mental Health including foundation year entry**
- **MSc Sport and Exercise Psychology**

When students are considering applying for one of the psychology courses they should be aware of the following:

- During practical classes students will be expected to engage in research and practical activities with other students in their year group as subjects, and to act as a subject for other students. These are mixed gender groups and some subjects covered may trigger events that have happened to yourself or someone you know. If you feel you need to discuss anything you contact our student services team confidentiality or the course leader.
- Students should discuss any concerns about this with us before making an application for the course or accepting an offer of a place. If the concerns relate to issues covered by the Equality Act 2010 (such as religion, disability, gender reassignment) we will be pleased to discuss with the student how reasonable adjustments can be made to enable them to study on the course; however the Health Sciences University can only make adjustments where this will not interfere with the student's ability to demonstrate that they have met the learning outcomes for the course, and meet the requirements of relevant Professional Statutory and Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs). Please contact [admissions@aecc.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@aecc.ac.uk)
- Students will be expected to dress appropriately for practical classes and when representing the Health Sciences University in the local community.
- Students are required to attend a minimum of 80% of all tutorials and science laboratory sessions. We take registers of attendance at these classes and collate the results regularly.
- There are a number of items which students will be required or are recommended to purchase in order to get the maximum benefit from the course; see below under 'additional costs'.
- Students are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements while enrolled at the Health Sciences University. The Student Services team can offer advice and assistance in finding private rented accommodation in the area.

## **Additional costs**

Additional costs are mandatory or optional costs which students will need to meet in order to fully participate in and complete their course. Students will need to budget for these costs separately as they are not included in the overall Tuition Fee they are charged.

### **Essential**

- Should a student fail any assessments and be offered an opportunity to repeat a unit or units there will be a fee payable as set out below (fees quoted at 2023-24 prices): \*
- Home students: £1,540 per unit (20 credits)
- EU/Overseas students: £2,500 per unit (20 credits)

\* Fees If a student is only sitting elements of unit due to exceptional personal circumstances, accepted by the Assessment Board, this is not considered a Repeat Unit and fees do not apply. This may impact maintenance loans from the Student Loan Company and students are advised to contact the Student Finance team on [studentfinance@aecc.ac.uk](mailto:studentfinance@aecc.ac.uk) for further information.

### **Recommended**

- It is recommended that students purchase a laptop, personal or tablet computer tablet for their personal use, as this will enhance their learning by giving them immediate access to our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

### **Optional**

- Teaching materials are made available in electronic format on the Virtual Learning Environment. If students wish to have a printed copy they may print these materials at their own cost.
- Core texts are available in the library but there are limited numbers and most students buy some but not necessarily all text books.
- We are unable to offer any storage facilities for personal belongings of students except for a limited number of lockers. Students can rent a locker from the Health Sciences University Students' Union (ASU) on payment of

a single fee of £10.

- There may be other costs for activities that will enhance students' time here but are not directly related to their programme. For example, there is an annual fee (currently £70) to join our gym (gym membership is a requirement to join some ASU/Health Sciences University sports societies). Some ASU-organised social events and activities through ASU Societies will be at an additional cost.
- On successful completion of the course students have the option to attend the graduation ceremony. Students choosing to attend must meet the cost of hiring academic dress for the ceremony; wearing of academic dress at the ceremony is compulsory. The academic dress is provided by an external company. In 2023 the hire cost was £38. There are no other charges to the graduate for the graduation ceremony. However, additional tickets for family members and friends are chargeable and you will be advised of the price when you are invited to graduation.
- You will be provided with transcripts for each year of study along with a diploma supplement and degree certificate upon completion of your course of study. If you require a replacement of any of these documents there will be a fee payable as set out below:
  - Transcript (per academic year): £10
  - Degree Certificate: £40
  - Diploma Supplement: £10

**Where 2023-24 prices are quoted these costs are not expected to increase by any substantial amount for 2024-25.**