A Introduction

This document is designed to provide additional information about entrance requirements and admissions in relation to the degree programme above. It also provides an explanation of how we handle applications from candidates. It should be read in conjunction with the University’s current Undergraduate Admissions Policy which is available on the University’s website at http://www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/resources/

We hope that you will find this information helpful when completing your UCAS application. If you have not yet decided which course is the best one for you, detailed information about all our courses is available on our website at http://www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/a-z

B Application Figures

It is expected that the Psychology degree programme will have around 100 places available for new United Kingdom and European Union students in the 2011 intake. For 2009 entry we received over 1040 applications from UK and EU applicants.

Psychology is an extremely popular degree programme, and many very good applicants have to be disappointed each year because of the competition for places.

C Selection Process

a) How Does it Happen?

i) General Process

Candidates who have applied by the UCAS deadline and who have achieved, or are predicted to achieve, the required grades in their entry qualifications are usually made an offer. Candidates are not normally interviewed.

ii) Variations from the Normal Process

Occasionally, mature applicants and applicants offering non-standard entry qualifications may be invited into the department to discuss their application.

iii) Applications for Deferred entry

We are happy to consider applications from candidates who wish to defer entry to the degree programme to the following year.

iv) Direct Entry to Stage 2

Direct entry to stage 2 may be considered for applicants who have successfully completed stage 1 of a single Honours Psychology degree at a university which is accredited by the British Psychological Society.
v) ‘Late’ Applications

The deadline for applications to reach UCAS is 15th January 2011. Applications received after this date (‘late’ applications) will not normally be considered.

vi) Confirmation

Applicants who receive conditional offers will automatically have their offer of a place ‘confirmed’ if they meet the conditions of their offer, for example through achieving required grades in examinations. The applications of those who narrowly miss achieving the required grades will normally be reconsidered if there are places still available on the degree programme, and it may sometimes be the case that they are accepted onto the programme, or offered an alternative programme, even though they have not achieved the conditions of their offer.

b) What Are Selectors Looking For?

Typical entrance requirements for our undergraduate degree programmes, for a range of the qualifications most commonly offered by our applicants, are set out in the Undergraduate Prospectus 2011 Entry and on our website at http://www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/

Applications from candidates whose qualifications are not listed are considered on an individual basis.

For the Psychology degree, the following academic criteria apply:

AAA/ABB at A level, or equivalent, including at least one A level from a subject with a substantial science or mathematics component. General Studies is accepted. Two AS levels (or one AS Double Award) will not be considered in the place of one A level. GCSE Mathematics plus a science (both at a minimum grade B) are required.

The more science a student has studied, the more prepared they will be to cope with the subject matter of the Psychology degree. The course includes, for example, statistical analysis and interpretation, biology, genetics and other scientific disciplines.

Our offers therefore vary according to the volume of science that an applicant has studied as follows:

- Applicants with 1 science/mathematics A level will normally receive an AAA offer
- Applicants with 2 science/mathematics A levels will normally receive an AAB offer
- Applicants with 3 or more science/mathematics A levels will normally receive an ABB offer.

Acceptable science subjects are Mathematics, Biology, Physics, Psychology, Chemistry, Statistics, or Economics. The subjects which are most likely to help you in your degree studies are primarily Biology and also Mathematics. Psychology A level is accepted, but it is not as helpful as other science subjects in preparing you for study on our Psychology degree.
c) **Feedback**

The University does not provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants automatically, but will provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants who submit a written request. Requests for feedback should be addressed to: Undergraduate Admissions, Newcastle University, King’s Gate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU. Feedback will be given only to applicants, and not to third parties such as schools or parents.