

Access to University

Access to Psychology

The Access to HE Diploma (Psychology) provides students with an understanding of core psychological theories, research methods, and counselling techniques.

When does this start and end?

- 17 September 2025 - 17 April 2026

What are the entry requirements?

You will need a GCSE in English Grade 9-4 (A*-C) or Functional Skills English Level 2. GCSE maths Grade 9-4 (A*-C) or Functional Skills Level 2, would be an advantage but not required to gain entry. Previous experience in the subject, through work or education, is desirable. To secure a place on this course you will be required to attend an interview and demonstrate sufficient research skill, reading writing skills and an ability to meet tight deadlines.

Need more information?

You can find out more about Northern College and the courses on offer by calling us on 01226 776000 or emailing us courses@northern.ac.uk

Course description

This course is designed to prepare students for Higher Education leading to careers in psychology, counselling, social work, and related fields. Students will acquire key knowledge, subject-specific skills, and transferable skills vital for success in these sectors.



What can this course lead to?

Access to HE Diplomas are intended to provide preparation for study in UK higher education (University), but the award of a Diploma does not provide guaranteed entry to UK higher education (University).

BSc Psychology
BSc Forensic Psychology
BSc Psychology with Counselling
BSc Psychology with Criminology
BSc Psychology with Education
BA Philosophy, Psychology and Scientific Thought

Want to learn more?

You can find out more about Northern College and the courses on offer at one of our Open Events [<https://www.northern.ac.uk/open-events/>]

Course fees and funding support

This course is free to all eligible students aged 19 to 23 who have not previously gained a full Level 3 qualification. If you already possess a Level 3 qualification or are over the age of 24 you may consider covering the cost by applying for an Advanced Learner Loan (ALL) or arrange a payment plan with the College.

Did you know you don't need to repay your loan back if you complete a university degree afterwards or until you are earning a certain amount. For full details and ALL eligibility visit <https://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan/overview> [<https://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan/overview>]

Course session dates

Session dates for 17 September 2025 - 17 April 2026

- Wednesday 17 Sep 2025 to Friday 19 Sep 2025
- Wednesday 24 Sep 2025 to Friday 26 Sep 2025
- Wednesday 01 Oct 2025 to Friday 03 Oct 2025
- Wednesday 08 Oct 2025 to Friday 10 Oct 2025
- Wednesday 15 Oct 2025 to Friday 17 Oct 2025
- Wednesday 22 Oct 2025 to Friday 24 Oct 2025
- Wednesday 29 Oct 2025 to Friday 31 Oct 2025
- Wednesday 05 Nov 2025 to Friday 07 Nov 2025
- Wednesday 12 Nov 2025 to Friday 14 Nov 2025
- Wednesday 19 Nov 2025 to Friday 21 Nov 2025
- Wednesday 26 Nov 2025 to Friday 28 Nov 2025
- Wednesday 03 Dec 2025 to Friday 05 Dec 2025
- Wednesday 10 Dec 2025 to Friday 12 Dec 2025
- Wednesday 17 Dec 2025 to Friday 19 Dec 2025
- Wednesday 07 Jan 2026 to Friday 09 Jan 2026
- Wednesday 14 Jan 2026 to Friday 16 Jan 2026
- Wednesday 21 Jan 2026 to Friday 23 Jan 2026
- Wednesday 28 Jan 2026 to Friday 30 Jan 2026
- Wednesday 04 Feb 2026 to Friday 06 Feb 2026
- Wednesday 11 Feb 2026 to Friday 13 Feb 2026
- Wednesday 18 Feb 2026 to Friday 20 Feb 2026
- Wednesday 04 Mar 2026 to Friday 06 Mar 2026
- Wednesday 11 Mar 2026 to Friday 13 Mar 2026
- Wednesday 18 Mar 2026 to Friday 20 Mar 2026
- Wednesday 25 Mar 2026 to Friday 27 Mar 2026
- Wednesday 01 Apr 2026 to Thursday 02 Apr 2026
- Tuesday 07 Apr 2026 to Friday 10 Apr 2026
- Wednesday 15 Apr 2026 to Friday 17 Apr 2026

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If you are not eligible, the cost of the course is ££3,384.00. There is no option to pay to stay residentially if you do not meet the criteria for residential funding. The vast majority of students are eligible to study and stay residentially for free and we will confirm as part of the application process.

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